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WHY DID RIBBENTROP MAKE HIS SPEECH?—NEW NAZI "LIAR-IN-CHIEF" IS NOT SO SKILFUL AS HIS PREDECESSOR

NEW AIR FRANCE SERVICE

H.K.-Kunming

Special to H.K. Daily Press
Arrangements between Air France and the Chinese Government for the initiation of a Hong-kong-Kunming service have, it is learned, been satisfactorily concluded.

It is not known when the new service will start, but it is understood that a weekly service is the basis of the scheme.

A new machine of greater capacity has been ordered by the French company. Planes of two other companies, the China National Aviation Corporation and the Eurasia Aviation Corporation, are now operating regular services between Hongkong and the interior.

P.I.—N.E.I. LINE
Special to H.K. Daily Press
TOKYO, Apr. 29 (Havas)—A New York despatch to the Chugai Shogyo declares that Mr. Francis Sayre, United States High Commissioner to the Philippines, suggested to Washington the establishment of an airline linking the Philippines with the Netherlands East Indies.

The newspaper comments that such a line would cause repercussions in Japan in view of the present diplomatic tension between Japan and N.E.I. and the question of Japanese immigration to the islands.

CAPTURED NAZI SHIPS RENAMED

British Wireless reports that 20 of the 31 captured German merchant vessels have now been thoroughly overhauled and renamed and are in service for the Allies carrying munitions or food. Refitting of the remainder is almost complete.

The Shipping Minister, in a speech on Saturday, referred to the unsatisfactory nature of the crew accommodation in more than half of the captured ships and the necessity for extensive structural alterations.

NEW CRUISERS FOR DEFENCE OF D.E.I.

BATAVIA, Apr. 29 (Reuter)—The People's Council approved the adoption of the Bill submitted by the Dutch Government providing for the construction of three new battle-cruisers for the defence of the Dutch East Indies.

The Nationalists abstained from voting.

MOSCOW, Apr. 29 (Havas)—Mr. Laurence Steinhardt, the United States Ambassador, left for Washington on holiday. He will pass through Bucharest and Genoa.

MASTERY OF SEAS BY ALLIES

The giant Cunard liner Queen Mary (81,235 tons) dropped anchor in Table Bay on Sunday after completing a record voyage from New York which she had left 12 days earlier. The previous record for this voyage was 19 days.

In South Africa the completion of this voyage, without escort, is acclaimed as a striking demonstration of the Allies' mastery of the seas.—(British Wireless).

LONDON, Apr. 29 (Reuter)—The main theme of the editorials in the British newspapers is Herr von Ribbentrop's speech. The question is asked why he made it.

The Daily Telegraph says its Zurich correspondent reports a neutral as observing that "your best propaganda weapons are the German propagandists themselves."

The Daily Telegraph adds that this expresses so well the effect which von Ribbentrop's latest propaganda exercise has produced that it is natural to ask what undisclosed purpose could have inspired such futility.

Referring to the alleged discovery of documents proving that the British had intended to invade Norway, the Daily Telegraph says: "As the commentator of the Columbia Broadcasting Corporation caustically remarks, the 'Germans are so lucky that they find convenient documents wherever they go.'"

"The violator of Austria, Czechoslovakia, Poland and Denmark, however, is not as credible a witness as adversary of aggression."

LAUGHED OUT OF COURT
The Times think von Ribbentrop's speech was made for the benefit of the bewildered German public because the German reasons for the onslaught upon a small neutral were proved by events to be completely untrue.

The Times adds that von Ribbentrop is being laughed out of court by public opinion in the world. This is the man who told his master that Great Britain was strong and not fights, that after the conquest of Poland she would eagerly accept his peace offer and that American supplies can be withheld from the Allies.

Having proved mistaken on every one of these points, he still argued that France would leave Great Britain in the lurch (and directed his policy accordingly), that the Dominions would secede from the Mother Country and that the whole world would turn against Britain who was the oppressor of neutrals.

LESS SKILFUL LIAR
Dr. Goebbels is discredited and von Ribbentrop has taken his place, but he is even less skilful than his predecessor in the post of Liar-in-Chief to the Nazi regime.

The moral which neutral Governments is likely to draw from the Norwegian episode so far is that his going will be most different from what the Nazi Minister had hoped. Every day it becomes clearer that if the Norwegian Government and people had been able to rely upon the loyal and determined use of their defences, even though Norway is ranked among the weakest of the neutrals, the German attack would have been held up or beaten off altogether with the aid of Allied help which could then have deployed with far greater speed and effect. Even more probably the invasion never have begun.

RESPONSIBILITIES OF MOSLEMS IN INDIA

Special to H.K. Daily Press
LONDON, Apr. 29 (Havas)—A message from Delhi states that the Committee of the Pan-Indian Moslem Independent Conference unanimously voted a resolution opposing the political dismemberment of India.

The resolution, which was suggested by the President of the Committee, states that India needs geographical and political homogeneity being indiscriminately the home of all citizens regardless of race or religion.

It concludes that Moslems must realise that they have the same responsibilities as any other inhabitants of India.

WAR SHALL LAST UNTIL NORWAY IS FREE AGAIN

SOMEWHERE IN NORWAY, Apr. 29 (Reuter)—The war shall last until the usurpers have been hurled out of the country, and Norway is again free, says a declaration by the Norwegian Government.

It thanks the British, French and Polish Governments for their aid, and says: "Together these Governments are fighting against a tyranny which violates international law and seeks to subdue small nations. The Norwegian Government trusts that law and liberty will be victorious in the end."

The declaration says that the German onslaught must have been prepared long in advance, since the Germans invaded Norway simultaneously at several points.



Mr. R. S. Hudson, Minister for Shipping.

MR. HUDSON MEANS BUSINESS

Commenting on the "excellent and promising" tone of the Shipping Minister's speech on Saturday, the Manchester Guardian says: "It was the speech of a man who means business. Less and less do discussions matter about whether all the Germans are 'solidly behind Hitler' or what we propose to do with Germans of all kinds after the war. As Mr. Hudson pointed out our first affair, and the only one that matters at present, is to win, and win handsomely."—(British Wireless).

Big World Demand For Coal British Drive To Increase Output

Half the miners in Britain who were unemployed at the outbreak of war are now at work as the result of the Government drive to increase the peace-time output of 204,000,000 tons yearly by 40,000,000 tons.

Lord Portal, Chairman of the Coal Production Council, is touring British coalfields to speed up production to meet the enormous world demand created by the blockade of German exports.

When the war began, Germany was selling abroad 24,000,000 tons a year and Poland, 14,000,000 almost half of which is estimated to have been cut off by the British Navy. France, Italy, South American countries and overseas bunkering stations are seeking supplies and enquiries are also coming from Canada, Portugal, Greece, Egypt and Algeria.

Italy lost 2,000,000 tons of German coal when the Rotterdam shipments ceased and now she is second only to France as a buyer from South Wales. It is believed she would take far more, if available, says British Wireless.

NOT THE SLIGHTEST TRUTH

LONDON, Apr. 29 (Reuter)—An Admiralty communiqué states that there is not the slightest truth in the German claim to have sunk or severely damaged, during the past 48 hours, five cruisers and thirteen transports.

British Wireless adds that H.M. trawler Hammond (Skipper A. McKay, R.N.R.) was damaged by a bomb and subsequently sank and H.M. trawler Larwood (Skipper P. J. Quinlan, R.N.R.) was set on fire by an incendiary bomb.

There were no casualties in either vessel. Three more enemy supply ships have been torpedoed and sunk.

GERMAN NORTHERN DRIVE FROM OSLO UP GUDBRAND VALLEY CHECKED, REPORT

Artillery Breaks Down In Face Of Energetic British Defence

STOCKHOLM, APR. 29 (REUTER)—THE GERMAN NORTHWARD DRIVE FROM OSLO UP THE GUDBRAND AND OESTER VALLEYS has been checked, respectively, at Kvam and a point north of Roeros, according to the latest despatches published here.

It is reported before Kvam, the German attacks were supported by violent bombardments from the air and artillery broke down in face of the energetic defence by the British troops who are stated to be in possession of excellent defensive positions in this area.

Military circles in Paris expect an improvement in the situation in Norway.

It is pointed out that the situation at Narvik and Steinkjer, north of Trondheim, is unchanged while it is now clear that the first German units to reach the important neighbourhood of Kvam have been attacking for two or three days without success.

At Roeros, the German advance is halted by the destruction of an important bridge.

AIR BATTLES

LONDON, Apr. 29 (Reuter)—According to the Norwegian Telegraph Agency air battles on a considerable scale between German bombers and Allied fighters took place yesterday over Lake Engset near Alesund.

The Norwegian High Command communiqué states that at sea battles continued between Norwegian ships and German warplanes and naval units.

The Germans bombed and machine-gunned Norwegian fishing vessels and the Norwegian merchantship War Fird.

OESTER VALLEY

STOCKHOLM, Apr. 29 (Reuter)—Interest in the Norwegian situation centres at present in the German efforts to cross the hills from the Oester Valley in order to reach the flank of the Dombas-Stoeren line held by the Allies.

A small German detachment is reported to be near Herkin, north-west of Dombas, and other detachments are believed to be crossing by other routes, but it is stated that the Allies are ready to receive these travellers.

Good numbers of British troops are reported to be at both Berkak and Kvikne and other places which may be threatened.

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MILITARY SITUATION OBSCURE

Shansi Front

CHUNGKING, Apr. 29 (Reuter)—The military situation in south-east Shansi, north Kiangsi and south Anhwei remains obscure with both sides making conflicting claims.

In south-east Shansi it appears that fighting is going on in the vicinity of Chingchen which apparently is in Japanese hands. After the occupation of the town, Japanese forces continued to push southward capturing Lichwan, south-west of Chingchen, on Apr. 28. The Chinese, however, claim to have recaptured the town on the following day.

COUNTER-ATTACK

In north Kiangsi the Japanese forces at Nanchang are reported to be launching a vigorous counter-attack, particularly in the area west of the Kiangsi capital. On the evening of Apr. 27, Chinese reports declared the Japanese vanguard reached the outskirts of Fengsin where severe fighting is said to be in progress.

In south Anhwei, Japanese forces at Fanchang are pushing towards Kinghsien, while those at Kweichih are reported to be advancing on Tsingyang. Fighting, it is added, is going on in the Shikungshan mountains, north-west of Kinghsien, and in the Kihwshan mountains, south-west of Tsingyang.

POLISH SPIRIT CANNOT BE CRUSHED

Special to H.K. Daily Press

NEW YORK, Apr. 29 (Havas)—The Polish people are being oppressed, towns and buildings destroyed, but the spirit of a great people cannot be crushed, declared Mr. Herbert Hoover, speaking at a reception in honour of Gen. Haller, Minister without Portfolio, of the present Polish Government.

He added that permanent peace was impossible as long as the oppression of independent States continued. He said that \$30,000,000 would be necessary for the reconstruction of Poland after the war.

BRITISH TRADE MISSION TO VISIT ROME SHORTLY

Reuter's diplomatic correspondent in London learns that a British trade delegation may shortly visit Rome as the result of the conversation last Friday between Lord Halifax, Foreign Minister, and Signor Bastianini, Italian Ambassador in London.

It is understood that Lord Halifax informed Signor Bastianini that the British Government was anxious to do its best to meet any points of difficulty which the Italian Government could reasonably bring to its notice.

The main object of the talk, which was the result of an invitation by Lord Halifax to Signor Bastianini was to consider the resumption of economic negotiations between the two countries with a view of increasing trade exchanges.

PROGRESS HOPED

Hopes are entertained of making good progress and, if these hopes do not prove false, discussions will follow, in all probability, to be continued in Rome by British officials.

The question of contraband control may be discussed at the meeting as it is impossible, in time of war, to discuss trade relations between a belligerent and a non-belligerent without touching on this subject.

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BOMBERS FOR BRITAIN

NEW YORK, Apr. 29 (Reuter)—According to the Montreal correspondent of the New York Herald-Tribune Britain is preparing to fly squadrons of American and Canadian built bombers in a steady stream from an immense new Newfoundland air base.

BIRTHDAY OF MIKADO

The King has telegraphed to the Emperor of Japan a message of cordial greetings on the occasion of his Imperial Majesty's birthday, says British Wireless.

INTER-SCHOOLS SPORTS

GOVERNOR'S SHIELD WON BY WAH YAN

Many Surprises Feature Fine Day's Sports

Challenged by five other schools right up to the last event of the day, the 1,200 metres medley relay race, Wah Yan College, helped on by a magnificent last lap by Lam Kwok-leung, scored their first inter-school sports victory at the Caroline Hill Stadium yesterday, winning from St. Stephen's by just one point.

St. Stephen's had no team in the relay race. Five other schools, D. B. S., C. B. S., King's, La Salle and the eight points for first place was sufficient to give the relay victors the Governor's Shield.

Two good efforts over 200 metres by Chan Yee-fong and Lai Chung-yin for Wah Yan failed to put the College's representative in front for the last leg, but Lam Kwok-leung proved equal to the occasion and steadily caught up to and overhauled Castro of La Salle to win the day.

MANY SURPRISES

The meet was featured by innumerable surprises. First, King's College failed to win more than a point from the long jump where eight points looked a probability. Then, Kwok Chi-hung, inter-school record holder for the pole vault and winner of the event last year with 9 feet 11 inches, failed to survive the eliminating jumps. Fong Chi-hung, Wah Yan's high jumper, won the event at an inch below the record, but later could do no better than tie for second place at his specialty.

THE SHOT PUT

R. Silva of La Salle dealt King's a further blow when he moved ahead of the College's two representatives in the Shot Put to win at 37 feet 3 inches.

Sin Kwok-bun, King's young quarter miler, came out first in the 400 Metres, beating a very smart field by a good yard. Tavares of St. Joseph's was two yards ahead of Macauley and two other highly regarded quarter-milers failed to come in the scoring list.

L. Silva of La Salle provided the surprise of the day when he out ran Khan Mohammed of Queen's to win second place at 1,500 Metres and he clocked unofficially in 4 mins. 52 2/5 secs. for the distance.

A GOOD JUMP

Wolfgang Yue won the high jump at 5 feet 7 1/2 inches, a come within a quarter-inch of the record, but failed in two attempts at 5 feet 8 inches. But he won the high hurdles in the interval, and was well satisfied with the result.

Mr. C. G. Solis, the Director of Education, in presenting the prizes, congratulated all the schools competing for the keenness that marked the day in a competition where the championship was not decided till the very last event.

RESULTS

100 Metres: 1. Clifton Large (D. B. S.), 2. A. P. Silva (La Salle), 3. R. Lobo (La Salle). Time: 11 4/5 secs.

Long Jump: 1. Chan King-cheung (St. Stephen's) 19 feet 5 inches, 2. Wan Kei-hing (Wah Yan) 19 feet 2 inches, 3. Poon Sai-on (King's) 19 feet 1 inch.

800 Metres: 1. J. Rousseau (C. B. S.), 2. Khan Mohammed (Queen's), 3. A. Odell (C. B. S.). Time: 2 mins. 15 3/5 secs.

Pole Vault: 1. Fong Chi-hung (Wah Yan), 2. Chan King-cheung (St. Stephen's), 3. Marcus Ng (La Salle). Height: 9 feet 10 1/2 inches.

200 Metres: 1. Clifton Large (D. B. S.), 2. A. P. Silva (La Salle).

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THE HONG KONG JOCKEY CLUB.

Draft Programmes and Entry Forms for the Fifth Extra Race Meeting to be held on SATURDAY, 11th and MONDAY, 13th May, 1940, (weather permitting), may be obtained at the Secretary's Office, Exchange Building; the Club House, Happy Valley; the Hong Kong Club; the Sports Club; and the Stables, Shan Kwong Road.

Entries close at 12 o'clock NOON on Thursday, 2nd May, 1940.

By Order,
C. B. BROWN,
Secretary.

3. Lai Chung-yin (Wah Yan). Time: 24 seconds. (Equals record).

Shot Put: 1. R. Silva (St. Joseph's) 37 feet 3 inches, 2. Poon Sai-on (King's) 36 feet 6 inches, 3. Loh Sing-kool (King's) 36 feet 5 inches.

400 Metres: 1. Sin Kwok-bun (King's), 2. Philip Tavares (St. Joseph's), 3. J. Macauley (D. B. S.). Time: 57 3/5 secs.

High Jump: 1. Wolfgang Yue (St. Stephen's), 2. (Tied) Fong Chi-hung (Wah Yan) and Poon Sai-on (King's). Height: 5 feet 7 1/2 inches.

1,500 Metres: 1. C. Truax (C. B. S.), 2. L. Silva (La Salle), 3. Khan Mohammed (Queen's). Time: 4 mins. 46 3/5 secs.

110 Metres High Hurdles: 1. Wolfgang Yue (St. Stephen's), 2. Wong Kei-lun (King's). No third; all other starters disqualified. Time: 18 4/5 secs.

Medley Relay Race: (400, 200, 200 and 400 Metres) 1. Wah Yan College (Ho Cham-ying, Chan Yee-fong, Lai Chung-yin and Lam Kwok-leung), 2. St. Joseph's College (V. Mendonca, J. Gascon, K. Singh and P. Tavares), 3. La Salle College (J. Xavier, A. P. Silva, L. Xavier and N. Castro). Time: 2 mins. 46 2/5 secs.

Final placings: — Wah Yan College 19 points; 2. St. Stephen's College 16 points; 3. King's College 15 points; 4. (Tied) St. Joseph's College and La Salle College 13 points each; 6. (Tied) Central British School and Diocesan Boys' School 11 points each; 8. Queen's College 4 points.

H.K. INTERPORT FOOTBALLERS CONFIDENT

Looking fit and feeling confident of success the Hongkong Interport footballers boarded a ship last night and will sail for Saigon this morning. The sixteen players are accompanied by Messrs. C. A. Goldenberg and J. C. Guillemain as co-managers.

The players making the trip are Tam Kwan-kon, Sammy Tsang Pryde, Forrow, Fung King-cheong, Hau Yun-sang, Lee Tin-sang, Soong Ling-sing, Lee Kwok-wai, Leung Wing-chiu, Fox, Bright, Yeung Shui-yick, Lau Tau-man, Wong King-cheong, and Guy.

MORE AUSTRALIAN PONIES FOR COLONY RACING

While the Australian ponies imported by the Hongkong Jockey Club in previous years were said by some to be of somewhat inferior quality, it is learned that the next batch of ponies being imported by the Club will be of much improved quality, and will be from some of the Southern Continent's best studs.

The first shipment of Australians arrived here in 1932 and since then the number of Australians racing on the local turf has been steadily increasing.

Owing to the growing difficulty in getting China ponies from Manchuria, the Club is now negotiating for the importation of some 125 Australians for the next season.

The list for the draw has already been fully subscribed, and the ponies are expected to arrive at the end of the year—but it is not likely that they will race until next spring.

1,000 GUINEAS PROBABLES

LONDON, Apr. 29 (Reuter).—Probable starters and jockeys for the Thousand Guineas are as follows:

Allure (Beary), Credentia (Edlitt), Drawing Prize (Jones), Godiva (Marks), Golden Penny (Gordon Richards), Lyric (Cliff Richards), Merry Devon (Lowrey), Thyrse (Harry Wragg), Tornade (Perryman), Valeraine (Weston). There are no jockeys for Dame de Trefle and Great Truth.



Snapped by our candid camera at the Valley Races.

Tsui Wai-pui In Final For Fifth Time

YAN-PUI LOSES IN FOUR SETS

Tsui Wai-pui, holder of the Colony singles tennis championship, qualified to meet S. A. Rumjahn in the final tomorrow when he defeated his brother, Tsui Yan-pui, last year's runner-up, 6-4, 1-6, 6-3, 6-4 in four exciting sets on the Stand Court yesterday.

Neither of the brothers gave anything like a sparkling display of tennis, and, at times, the standard fell far below tournament play, but the champion was doggedly consistent while his younger brother was inclined to be erratic. The latter had by far the better service, which was his main asset.

CLEVER PLACING

Play was confined mostly to the baseline. The driving was not exceptionally forceful but the placing was clever and some bright tactics were adopted by both players.

Tsui Wai-pui won the first set 6-4, but was completely outplayed in the second which Yan-pui captured after seven games.

The third and fourth sets were ding-dong affairs in which the score rose very gradually. It must be mentioned, however, that in the last set the champion was leading 4-1 before Yan-pui drew level winning the eighth game of that match when Wai-pui was leading 40-love. The champion thereafter drew away to win 6-4.

NO DECISION

It will be recalled that for 47 games last Wednesday the Tsui brothers battled for the right of entry into the final but no decision was reached the fifth set being 4-4 when falling light intervened.

Tsui Wai-pui won the title in 1934, 1935, 1938, 1939.

ARMY AREA SPORTS FINALS TODAY

The Final day's programme of the Area Athletic Meeting will be held at the Polo Ground, Boundary Street at 2.30 p.m. today.

The alternative dates on all invitations issued for the "At Home" on Thursday, April 25, should now read Tuesday, April 30, and not Wednesday, May 1.

SPORTING FIXTURES TODAY

ATHLETICS.—Hongkong Area (Army) Athletic Championship Finals (Polo ground, Boundary St.) 2.30 p.m.

SWIMMING.—Meeting of European Y. M. C. A. Swimming Section (Wes. Lounge) 5.45 p.m.

TENNIS.—Club Singles Championship, Final, M. Pagh v. B. C. Fay (Stand Court).

TOMORROW

SHOOTING.—Hongkong Rifle Association's Weekly Spoon & Practice Shot, at Kowloon City, 1.45 p.m.

TENNIS.—Colony Open Singles Championship, Final, S. A. Rumjahn v. Tsui Wai-pui (Stand Court) 4.30 p.m. Club Handicap Singles, Final, C. B. Nicholson and G. V. Hobbs, 28 v. V. R. Gordon and H. J. Armstrong, 15 v. E. O'M. Deane and N. Spence, 4.5 (8).

GRATIFYING YEAR HAD BY CHILDREN'S PLAYGROUNDS ASSOCN.

Chief Justice Re-elected President

THE ACTIVITIES OF THE CHILDREN'S PLAYGROUNDS ASSOCIATION DURING THE PAST YEAR were reviewed at the annual meeting yesterday by the President Sir Atholl MacGregor, who described the result as very gratifying.

The meeting was held in the office of the Registrar, Supreme Court, and those present included Hon. Sir Robert Kotewall, Hon. Mr. W. N. Thomas, Mr. Dr. S. W. T'so, Mr. Tang Shiu-kin, Mr. Lo Tung-fan, Mr. C. G. Solis, Miss Ruby Mowling, Mr. Lee Gwok-ying (Honorary Secretary) and Mr. Ko Sik-wai (Honorary Treasurer).

Sir Atholl said he knew how all members of the Association regretted the sudden and untimely death of Mr. Li Chor-chi, who was an ardent supporter of the Association and took great interest in its work. The Association would long miss him, said Sir Atholl, who suggested that the sympathies of members be conveyed to the late Mr. Li's relatives.

Reviewing the report and accounts, Sir Atholl said the Association was flourishing. The accounts showed a credit balance at the end of the year of \$3,560, which was extremely satisfactory. They were grateful to all supporters, particularly to the various associations and clubs who had helped year after year.

GOOD CONDITION

Seven playgrounds had been kept going in the year; these were in good condition. The Public Works Department, which after the 1938 typhoon very kindly erected a new fence around the Southern Playground, had again come forward by putting up a concrete and wire fence when the old one showed signs of wear and tear.

More and more schools and colleges had come forward to help, said Sir Atholl, and he was glad that that more fortunate children of the community were showing a sense of responsibility towards their less fortunate brothers and sisters.

The support the Association was receiving was very encouraging, but Sir Atholl said they would welcome help from everyone. The Association was filling a large blank in work for children in the Colony, and in conjunction with organisations was helping to turn out a healthier generation.

MORE COMPACT

Regarding the proposal to amend a section of the Constitution relating to the composition of the Executive Committee, Mr. Lo Tung-fan, chairman thereof, said that the idea was to have a smaller and more compact body to facilitate the Association's work. As at present, the Committee consisted of nearly 20 members.

Sir Atholl explained that, according to the present rules, the Executive Committee consisted of many of the nominees of the associations and clubs who were supporters of the Association. It sometimes was a long time before the names of the nominees were known.

At the suggestion of Dr. T'so, it was decided to form a General Committee, to consist of the Executive Committee and other members. Regarding the amendment of the Constitution, it was decided to circulate members notifying them of the proposed change.

RIFLE SHOOTING

SUNDAY'S MEETING ON KOWLOON CITY RANGE

Sergt. Russell Wins Cup For Highest Nett Score

A very successful shoot took place on Sunday when the 1st Bn. Middlesex Regiment very kindly organised the programme and gave all the prizes which were presented by Lt.-Col. H. W. M. Stewart, O.B.E., M.C.

Ninety-eight members took part. There was a strong wind blowing from East to West but some good scores were returned.

The prize-winners were as follows:—

INDIVIDUAL COMPETITION
S.R. (b) Silver Cup: Highest Nett Aggregate Score, Sgt. Russell, H.K. Police.

S.R. (a) Silver Cup: Highest Nett Aggregate Score, Mr. Jones, Dockyard Rifle Club.

Silver Spoon: Highest Handicap Score—S.R. (b) Capt. Guscott, 1/Mx.; S.R. (b) Sgt. Clarke, H.K.P.

Silver Spoon: Highest Nett Score—at 200 yds.—S.R. (b) C/Sgt. P. Hale, 1/Mx. (Count-out); S.R. (a) Mr. Jones, D.R.C.

Silver Spoon: Highest Nett Score at 500 yds.—S.R. (b) Capt. Guscott, 1/Mx.; S.R. (a) L/Sgt. Leong, H.K.P. (Count-out).

TEAM COMPETITION
3 S.R. (b) and 3 S.R. (a).

Won by the 1st Bn. M/X Regt. Silver Spoon to each member of the team.

PAIRS COMPETITION
Silver Spoon to each pair—highest nett aggregate.

Handicap spoons went to Capt. Guscott, 1/Mx., Sub/Lt. G. J. P. Carey, H.K.N.V.F., Cpl. W. J. Cash, R.A.F. for S.R. (b), and to Mr. V. R. J. Merrett, D.R.C., A. C. W. H. Golder, R.A.F., Sgt. G. G. Clarke, H.K.P., L/Sgt. J. D. Remedios, H.K.V.D.C., P. C. Bachan Singh, H.K.P., and Pte. N. D. Booker, H.K.V.D.C. for S.R. (a).

Leading Scores on Sunday were as follows:—

	Hcap.	200 yds.	500 yds.	Total
S.R. (b)				
Sgt. Russell, F. E.	Scr.	47	48	95*
Capt. Guscott, R. T.	2	43	49	92†
Sub/Lt. Carey, G. J. P.	Scr.	44	48	92†
F/Sgt. Tollison, F.	Scr.	43	48	91
Mr. Evans, A. F.	Scr.	45	46	91
A.S.P. (R) Lole D.	Scr.	45	46	91
C/Sgt. Hale, P.	Scr.	47	44	91
Capt. Sequeira, F. P.	Scr.	44	46	90
Sgt. Roberts, F.	Scr.	44	45	89
Capt. Le Seellier, A. J.	Scr.	42	46	88
L/Sgt. Nunn, W. R.	2	42	46	88
Lt. Dawson, G.	1	44	44	88
Cpl. Cash, W. J.	3	45	43	88†
S.I. (R) Chan, A. C.	Scr.	43	44	87
Mr. Trencouth, W.	Scr.	44	43	87
B/M Kifford, W.	Scr.	44	43	87
L/Sgt. Purn Singh	Scr.	45	42	87
Mr. Guard, J. A.	Scr.	43	43	86
Sub/Lt. Bateman, B. M.	2	44	42	86

S.R. (a)				
Mr. Jones, H. S.	6	45	42	87*
Mr. Merrett, V. R. J.	7	44	42	86†
Cpl. Langford, R.	Scr.	41	44	85
A. C. Golder, W. H.	9	44	40	84†
Sgt. Bresse, G. E.	3	39	44	83
Sgt. Wall, J. R.	4	39	44	83
Sgt. Clarke, G. G.	12	41	42	83†
L/Sgt. Remedios, J. D.	7	41	41	82†
Mr. Medhurst, R. M.	8	44	38	82
L/Sgt. Leong, O. T.	4	36	44	80
Sgt. Baker, T.	Scr.	39	41	80
P. C. Bachan Singh	9	39	41	80†
Bds. Bolam, D.	6	37	42	79
Spr. Allo, E. W.	5	37	42	79
Sgt. Sargent, W. T.	5	40	39	79
Cpl. Berry, J.	8	35	43	78
Cnr. Landon, E.	NU	39	39	78
Mr. Gillman, W. K.	Scr.	42	36	78
Pte. Booker, N. D.	14	37	40	77†
Pte. Cruz-Sequeira, V. A. Da	6	39	38	77

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U.S. Baseball Results

NEW YORK, Apr. 29 (Reuter).—The following are the results of baseball matches played yesterday.

NATIONAL LEAGUE

	R.	H.	E.
Chicago	5	8	1
St. Louis	7	11	0
Philadelphia	2	4	0
Boston	3	9	1
Brooklyn	5	8	0
New York	3	10	0
Pittsburgh	2	5	2
Cincinnati	8	15	2

AMERICAN LEAGUE

	R.	H.	E.
Boston	5	7	1
Philadelphia	4	10	0
St. Louis	11	17	5
Chicago	8	9	3
Cleveland	11	17	1
Detroit	9	12	1
New York	2	6	2
Washington	3	8	0

ELECTRIC R.C. BOWLS TEAM

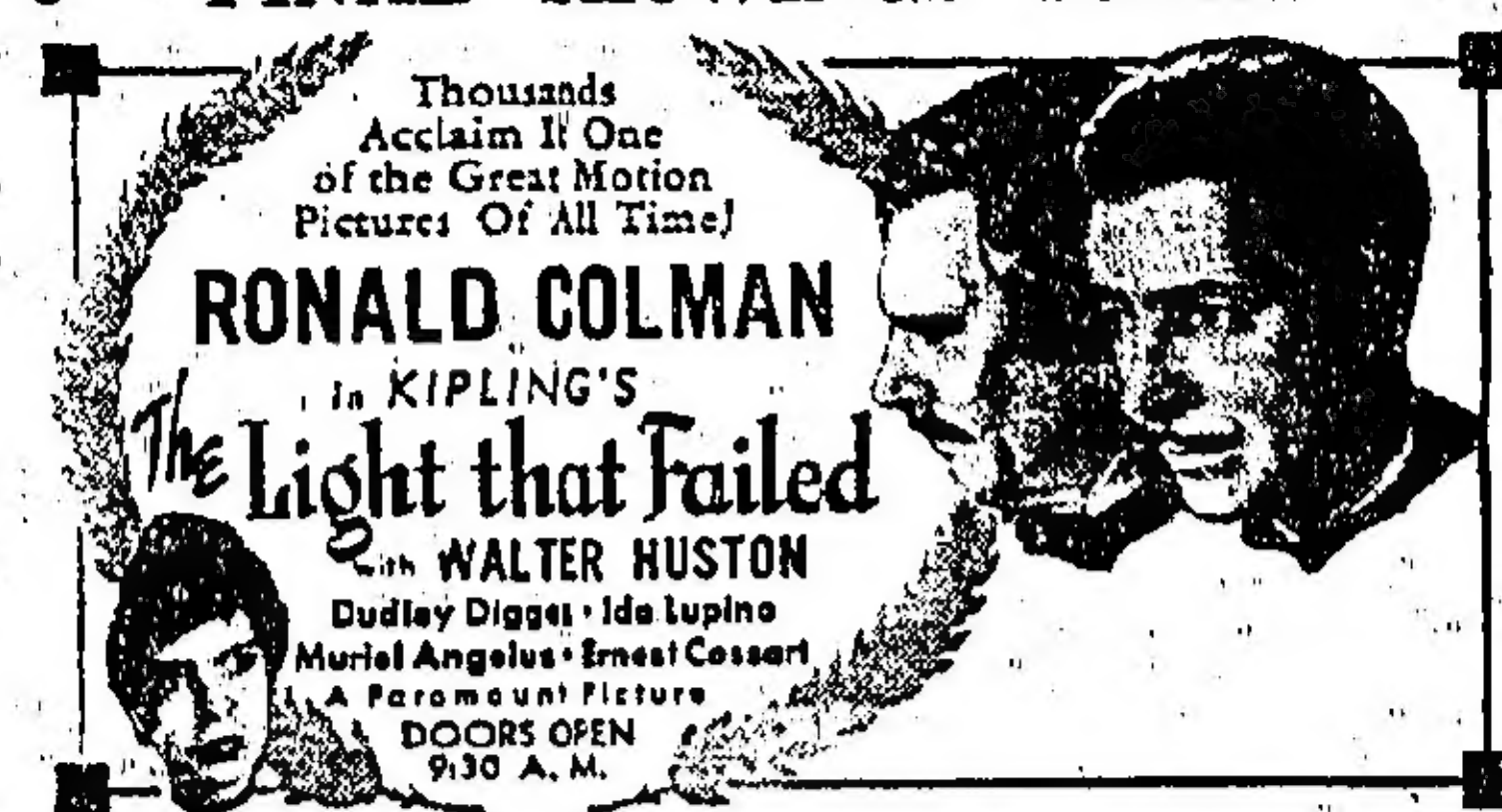
The following have been selected to represent the Electric Recreation Club in a friendly bowls match against the H.K.C.C. on Saturday at Ming Yuen:—

W. E. Macfarlane, A. G. Gardner, J. K. Sloan, A. F. Paul (skip), V. Sorby, W. E. Baker, S. Deacon, W. H. B. Maskett (skip), A. P. Tarbuck, R. A. Owens, C. E. Gahagan, J. F. Lunny (skip). Reserve: R. F. Gregory.

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TO-DAY AND TO-MORROW



THURSDAY
FOX Release
Conrad Veidt, Helen Vinson in
"KING OF THE DAMNED"

WHITE METAL STOLEN

Charged with breaking into a store room at the Kowloon Docks and stealing seven bars of white metal, two Chinese, Ng Chi-king, 20, and Leung Ngau, 33, a fitter, appeared before Mr. E. Himsforth at Kowloon Court yesterday.

Sub-insp. Madgwick, prosecuting, said that on April 20 the store room was broken into and the metal, valued at \$950, stolen. The stolen metal was traced to two marine hawkers, who, it is alleged, bought it from defendants, and \$680 worth of it recovered.

The marine hawkers, Suen Kau, 52, and Tam Chat, 35, also appeared before the Magistrate, charged with receiving stolen property. Mr. D. McCallum appeared for first and second defendant, all four men being remanded 24 hours.

JEALOUSY LETS HER DOWN

That she had assaulted complainant after having followed her lover, a barber, to complainant's home, was the prosecution's case at Kowloon Court yesterday against Lam Kam, 34, a woman, defendant to a charge of assault with a piece of firewood on a woman named Yip Sai-lan, 31, who spent four days in hospital as a result.

Det. Sergt. S. Dowman, prosecuting, said that defendant had been living five months with a barber, and on April 24, suspicious of his movements, had followed him to the home of complainant at Kowloon City. Defendant accused the other woman of alienating the affections of her lover, and followed the accusation by picking up a piece of firewood and striking her over the head.

COMING EVENTS

APRIL
30—Tides: High 5.39 a.m. and 3.24 p.m. Low 8.30 a.m. and 10.50 p.m.
Sunrise: 5.32 a.m.; Sunset: 6.38 p.m.
H.K. Telephone Co. Ltd. Annual Mtg. 12 noon.
St. Andrew's Church Hall: Dramatic Performance, 9.15 p.m.
H.K. Agency for Netherlands Insurance Co. Ltd. to be discontinued.
St. Andrew's Women's Fellowship Charity Mahjong Drive, 3 p.m.
Y.M.C.A.: Contract Bridge Class, 10 a.m.; Badminton and Mixed Swimming, 8 p.m.; Swimming Section Meeting, 6 p.m.
Cheero Club: Whist Drive, 9 p.m.
H.K. Rotary Club: Tiffin Meeting, 1 p.m.—Speaker: Mr. R. P. Morris.
Army Area Sports (Finals), Polo Ground, 2.30 p.m.
Exhibition of Paintings, St. John's Cathedral Hall, 10 a.m.—7 p.m.
Ladies Working Party (B.W.O.F.), Govt. House, 9 a.m.—1 p.m.
Army Area Sports, Polo Ground, 2.30 p.m.
Wedding at St. Joseph's Church: McCarthy-Stiers, 5 p.m.
Kowloon Chess Club Peninsula Hotel, 5.30 p.m.
Cathedral Scouts, Bishop's House, 5.30 p.m.
H.K. Union Church Hall: Salvation Army Mtg., 7.30 p.m.
Cathedral Hall: Diocesan Conference, 8 p.m.
St. Andrew's Home: Prayer and Fellowship Mtg., 6.30 p.m.

MAY
1—Tides: High 6.30 a.m. and 4.55 p.m. Low 10.50 a.m. and 11.39 p.m.
Sunrise: 5.51 a.m.; Sunset: 6.51 p.m.
H.K. Engineering and Constr. Co. Ltd. Annual Meeting, St. George's Hall, 12 noon.
Y.M.C.A.: Badminton (all day); Gramophone Recital, 9 p.m.; Colony Tennis Championships—Singles Final.
Cheero Club: Dance, 8.30 p.m.
Inspection of H.K. Fire Brigade and Auxiliary Fire Service No. 2, Police Station, Lockhart Road, 5.15 p.m.
Ladies' Working Party (B.W.O.F.), Govt. House, 9 a.m.—1 p.m.
St. Andrew's Church Hall: Dramatic Performance, 9.15 p.m.
Kowloon Union Church: Women's Guild, 10 a.m.

2—Tides: High 7.01 a.m. and 6.11 p.m. Low 12.11 p.m.
Sunrise: 5.50 a.m.; Sunset: 6.52 p.m.
Y.M.C.A.: Ladies' Night, 7.30 p.m.; Games Morning, 10 a.m.
South China A.A.: Athletic Meeting, Caroline Hill.

Cheero Club: Bridge and Mahjong; Ladies' Working Party (B.W.O.F.), Govt. House, 9 a.m.—1 p.m.
Peninsula Hotel: Russian Cabaret Dance.

3—South China A.A.: Athletic Meeting, Caroline Hill.
H.K. Y's Men's Club 8th Anniv. Dinner, Metropole Hotel, 7.30 p.m.
China Fire Insure. Co. Ltd. Annual Mtg., 11.20 a.m.
Union Insure. of Canton Co. Ltd. Annual Mtg., 11 a.m.
Y.M.C.A.: Badminton and Mixed Swimming, 8 p.m.
N.Y.K. Reception on board Nitta Maru, 4.30 p.m.
British Traders' Insure. Co. Ltd. Annual Mtg., 11.25 a.m.
Ladies' Working Party (B.W.O.F.), Govt. House, 9 a.m.—1 p.m.
Colony Tennis Doubles Final, 4.30 p.m.

4—South China A.A.: Athletic Meeting, Caroline Hill.
Lawn Bowls League starts.
Claims against estate of Herbert Johnson George due.
H.K. and Yauwatt Ferry Co. Ltd. Annual Mtg., Jordan Rd. Ferry Pier, 11 a.m.
St. Andrew's Club Seven-a-Side Hockey Tournament.

5—H.K. Softball League Exhibition Games in Macao.
Macao Races.
Indian Recreation Club Sports, 1.30 p.m.
Annual Six-a-Side Hockey Tournament, 2 p.m.
"Sam White" Bowls Match—Recreio v H.B.C.

7—H.K. Rotary Club, Tiffin Mtg., 1 p.m.
St. Andrew's Church: Wedding: Joyce-Woolley.

Monthly Meeting of H.K. Football Referees' Assn. and Lecture, 8 p.m.
St. John Ambulance Assn. and Brigade Hqrs. First Aid Lecture, 5.30 p.m.
8—Sale of Work at School for Deaf, 3.30 p.m.
10—Claims against estate of Andre Charles Eugene Brand due.

11—R.E.O.C.A. Social.
14—Lawn Tennis League Sports.
16—Concert by Mme. Francesca Denies at Peninsula Hotel.

18—Claims against estates of Blanche Cooke and Helen Moffat Dods due.

20—Peak Club: Bridge and Mahjong Drive in aid of B.W.O.F., 3 p.m.
23—Diocesan Old Boys' Assn. Annual Meeting, 5.30 p.m.
Claims against estate of Dame Mary Ann Ackroyd due.

29—Choral Group to present "Cavalletta Rusticana" at King's Theatre.

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Indo-China S.N. Co. Ltd. Annual Meeting, 12 noon.

31—R.A.O.C. Monthly Dinner—Speaker: Major R. D. Walker Explosives and Their Uses.

HEALTH RETURNS

For the 48 hours ended on April 28, 32 cases of tuberculosis, four each of dysentery and cerebro-spinal fever, three of diphtheria, two of measles and one each of scarlet fever and enteric fever were reported to the Health Authorities.

Defendant was bound over on \$10 to keep the peace for one year.

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12.15 p.m. Short Service of Intercession
12.30 Carroll Gibbons (Piano) and His Boy Friends.

Smoke Gets In Your Eyes (Kern); You've Got To Admit (from "Hi Diddle Diddle"); Life Is Just A Bowl of Cherries (Grove and Henderson); Sleepytime Night (Rene and Muse); Can't We Talk It Over (Washington and Young); Now That You're Gone (Kahn and Florio); Manhattan Music Box—Film Selection; Love and Illness—Film Selection; If You Love Me (Ray Noble).

1.00 Local Time Signal and Weather Report.

1.03 Reginald Foot at the Organ. Manhattan Moonlight (Alter); Curtain Up (Wood) — with the B.B.C. Variety Orchestra. Cloister Shadows (Hope).

1.13 Maurice Winnick and His Orchestra.

Fox-Trot — Moonburn (film "Anything Goes"); Slow Fox-Trot — A Couple of April Fools. Fox-Trots — The State of My Heart; A Rendezvous with a dream (film "Poppy"); Waltz—Stars in My Eyes (film "The King Steps Out"); Fox-Trot—Take My Heart.

1.30 Reuter & Rugby Press, Weather Forecast and Announcements.

1.45 Musical Comedy Selections. "Anything Goes" Selection. (Cole Porter)—Jack Hylton and His Orchestra with Vocal Refrain. "The Desert Song"—Vocal Gems (Romberg); Light Opera Company with Orchestra. "Glorious Night" Selection. (Henderson)—Drury Lane Theatre Orchestra. "Hit the Deck"—Vocal Gems (Youmans)—Light Opera Company with Orchestra.

2.15 Close down.

6.00 An hour of Dance Music.

Fox-Trot — There's Something Wrong with the Weather; Wish Me Luck (from "Shipyard Sally"); Bully Cotton and His Band. Quickstep — Where Is Our Blue Bird of Melody Lane; Waltz—Sweethearts (from the film)—Victor Silvester and His Ballroom Orchestra. Fox-Trots—Mourning Blues; Hindustani—Bob Crosby's Bob Cats. Tangos—Punto Arenas; San Fernando—Felix Huppertz and His Orchestra. Swing Fox-Trot—Wring 'In and Twistin'; For No Reason at All in C — Frankie Trumbauer with Bill Seldersbeck and Ed Lang (Three Piece Orchestra). Slow Fox-Trot — Blue Orchids; Fox-Trot—Day In Day Out—Jack Hylton and His Orchestra. Fox-Trot—Peter Peter Waltz—One Two Three—Ray Noble and His Orchestra. Fox-Trots — Down A Long Long Road; Did My Heart Beat—Jackson and His Orchestra. Tangos — Red Roses; Dreaming of the Future—George Boulanger and His Orchestra. Fox-Trot—Day after Day—Barry Wood and His Music.

7.00 Closing Local Stock Quotations.

7.02 Aldershot Command Searchlight Tattoo, 1936.

Massed Bands of The Aldershot & Eastern Commands.

7.20 Songs by Peter Dawson (Bass-Baritone).

The Man in The Street (Long-staff); The Winding Road (Araby Andrews); Outward Bound (Songs of the Sea)—Stanford—with Orchestral accompaniment.

7.30 London Relay—The News.

8.00 Local Time Signal, Weather Report and Announcements.

8.03 Latest Variety Numbers.

Band Music—Sing with the Guards—Intro: Marching alone together; Angels Never Leave Heaven; The

Handsome Territorial; The Siegfried Line; Beer Barrel Polka; South of the Border; There's Something About a Soldier; Changing of the Guard—Regimental Band of H.M. Grenadier Guards cond. by Major George Miller. Vocal and Piano—Lonely Sweetheart (Strauss, Dale and Miller); Lucky You, Lucky Me (film "Come out to play")—Turner Layton, Vocal—Heaven Will Be Heavenly (film "Band Waggon"); The Only One Who's Difficult is You (film "Band Waggon")—Pat Kirkwood with Orchestra. Humorous—Somebody's Asked Me (Warner); I Didn't Order A Hit It (Warner)—Jack Warner. Vocal—The Day I Rode To Brighton On My Bike (Gifford-Cliff); We've Nowt Like Thee In London (Delmar); Toodle O'Shea with her Banjo and Orch. Vocal and Piano—Till We Meet Again (Rich-Comely); Somewhere In France With You (Carr)—Leslie Hutchinson.

8.41 Max Miller in The Theatre. (Recorded in the Pimbury Park Theatre).

9.00 London Relay—Speech by Sir Ronald Cross, Minister of Economic Warfare, at luncheon given by the American Chamber of Commerce in London.

9.20 London Relay—News Summary.

9.30 London Relay—"Cards on the Table."

9.45 Compositions of Moussorgsky. Song of the Flea—Theodore Chailapine (Bass) with Orchestra. Pictures at an Exhibition—Suite—Boston Symphony Orchestra cond. by Serge Koussevitzky.

10.20 B.B.C. Recording — "Money for Nothing."

A Sketch.

10.35 Dance Music.

Fox-Trots — Minnie the Moocher's Wedding Day; Hot Toddy (film "The Big Broadcast")—Cab Calloway and His Orchestra. Rumba—Mario La O; Bolero—Tendro Bolero—Lecuna Cuban Boys with Elyane Cella (Vocal). Slow Fox-Trot—A New Moon and an Old Serenade; We've come a long way Together—Harry Roy and His Orchestra. The Veleta; Waltz—St. Bernard Waltz—Victor Silvester and His Ballroom Orchestra.

11.00 Close down.

SHORT WAVE

DAVENTRY

Calls	Wavelength	Time
G.S.G.	17.77m.	(18.45m.)
G.S.E.	9.51m.	(18.45m.)
G.S.E.	21.47m.	(18.45m.)
G.S.O.	12.19m.	(18.45m.)

NEWS IN ENGLISH

Transmission I—News Summary	4.00 p.m.
Full Bulletin	5.00 p.m.
Trans II & III—News Summary	6.45 p.m.
Full Bulletin	7.30 p.m.
do.	9.15 p.m.
do.	12.00 midnight

Transmission V—News Summary	7.30 a.m.
Full Bulletin	8.30 a.m.

SHORT TALKS FROM B.B.C.

(All Hongkong Time)

Mondays — Background to the News 11.00 p.m.

Tuesdays — Background to the News 8.15 a.m.
In England Now 11.00 p.m.
Cards on the Table 8.00 p.m.

Wednesdays — In England Now 8.45 a.m.
Cards on the Table 8.15 a.m.
Matters of Moment 11.00 p.m.

Thursdays — Matters of Moment 8.45 a.m.
Background to the News 11.00 p.m.

News 11.00 p.m.
Fridays — In England Now 11.00 p.m.

Saturdays — In England Now 8.45 a.m.
London Log 3.30 p.m.
London Log 11.15 p.m.
Sundays — London Log 8.45 a.m.

"Tree Wood" Offenders

A number of persons, arrested over the week-end for unlawful possession of tree wood in the Peak district, were charged before Mr. T. J. Houston at the Central Court yesterday with the offence. Sub-Inspector Basting was in charge of the cases.

A 61-year-old unemployed, Chan Chu, who had 18 catties of wild tree wood when he was arrested by Mt. Nicholson, was sentenced to three months' hard labour. Sentence was to be suspended for 12 months. He was given two dollars from the Poor Box.

EXPULSION ORDER
Sentence of six weeks' hard labour was imposed on Chu Mui, a married woman, for the same offence. An expulsion order was made against her.

A fine of \$10 or a month's imprisonment was imposed on a 19-year-old widow, Chung Yau, who was arrested with 26 catties of tree wood in Wanchai Gap, while in the case of Cheung King, 35, widow, who claimed that she had no means of support, defendant was remanded for 24 hours in police custody. Accommodation will be sought for her in the Refugee Camp.

FIVE DOLLARS FOR HIS TROUBLE

Five dollars from the poor box was awarded an unemployed Chinese named Ng Yau by Mr. E. Himsforth at the Kowloon Court yesterday for the part he played in the arrest of a handbag snatcher in Kowloon on Sunday. The snatcher, Wong Tak, 21, was sentenced to four months' hard labour and eight strokes of the cane.

The snatching incident occurred in Middle Road, the victim being Mrs. Hansen of No. 13, Hillwood Road, Ng, who lives at the colliers' quarters, Kowloon Gdow, gave chase to defendant together with an Indian constable.

POSSESSION OF TOBACCO

A heavy fine of \$2,300, with the alternative of six months' hard labour, was imposed on Ng Fook aged 30, when he appeared before Mr. R. Edwards at the Central Court yesterday and pleaded guilty to a charge of unlawful possession of 330 lbs. of dutiable tobacco. Ng Fook was arrested in Des Voeux Road Central on Tuesday last.

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NANLING RECAPTURED BY CHINESE TROOPS

Japanese Reinforcements Are Steadily Held

TUNKI, ANHWEI, April 29 (Central)—After recapturing Nanling, 32 miles south-west of Wuhu in south Anhwei, Chinese forces are mopping up the remnant Japanese in the suburbs.

In an attack on Tungstun, and Sanlien, south-west of Nanling, during the weekend, they inflicted heavy casualties on the enemy and put the remnant to flight.

Part of the fleeing Japanese, succeeding in joining forces with the reinforcements from Fanchang, have been attacked in the hilly regions near Chinghsien, south-east of Nanling.

The reinforced Japanese from Weichin and Yingchiawet, who continued their push toward Tsingyang on April 28, are being engaged by the Chinese in the rough terrain near Tsingyang.

Spirited fighting has been in progress near Shouyangkwan, south of Fengtai, on the north bank of the Hwai River in west Anhwei, where the Chinese have launched a drive against the Japanese.

More than 200 casualties have been inflicted on the enemy who are reported to be steadily falling back. The Chinese are pressing toward Shousien, south of Fengtai.

COUNTER-OFFENSIVE IN SHANSI

LOYANG, Apr. 29 (Central)—Chinese forces in the Chungtiao Mokntin regions in south Shansi, launched a general counter-offensive on the Japanese on April 27, and according to latest reports, they have made sweeping advances.

Yientichen, Japanese stronghold near Maosingtu, has been recaptured. Prior to their retreat, the Japanese are reported to have cremated some 700 of their dead. Several other points in the vicinity have also been recaptured by the Chinese.

LUCHWANCHEN RE-TAKEN
After being reinforced with 5,000 men, the Japanese fiercely attacked the Chinese positions near Maosingtu on April 26. Japanese tanks and planes were brought into action, severely bombarding the Chinese lines. Despite the overwhelming odds, the Chinese succeeded in steadfastly holding their ground.

In south-east Shansi, the Japanese have also met with setbacks. Luchwanchen, near Tsin-

Undefended Towns Are Raided

GERMAN METHODS OF WARFARE

LONDON, Apr. 29 (Reuter)—The Norwegian telegraph agency states that German bombers made a fresh wave of raids during the week-end.

The undefended town of Aalesund was subjected to a terrific attack lasting over two hours. Six planes crossed and recrossed the city, dropping 500-pound bombs.

Many private houses were completely destroyed and many others made uninhabitable. A large church which had an enormous cross clearly marked on the roof, received a direct hit from a low-flying plane.

People in the streets were machine-gunned and Red Cross workers trying to save the injured were forced to return to shelter owing to machine-gun fire. Molde was heavily bombed on Sunday.

CABLE NEWS IN BRIEF

PARIS, April 29 (Reuter)—An official communiqué issued on Sunday states that there is nothing to report except some artillery fire and a local encounter west of the Vosges in the course of which we inflicted losses on the enemy.

PARIS, April 29 (Reuter)—According to a Bucharest dispatch, armed guards at the Rumanian oil wells have been increased and ordered to fire on any stranger unable to give a satisfactory account of himself. From Sunday night, the Bucharest aerodrome was guarded by troops.

MADRID, April 29 (Reuter)—The death is announced of the celebrated Spanish painter, Joaquín Mir, aged 55.

BUCHAREST, Apr. 29 (Reuter)—A German military plane landed at the aerodrome here on Sunday morning.

Two civilian passengers were welcomed by a number of Germans and the Rumanian Director of Civil Aviation.

The plane left for Sofia after half an hour.

Rumanian official circles refused to comment, but according to a generally well-informed source, the plane brought copies of the German White Paper containing "evidence" of Britain's intentions in Scandinavia.

NEW C. IN-C. FOR CHINA STATION

LONDON, April 29 (Reuter)—Vice-Admiral Geoffrey Layton has been appointed Commander-in-Chief of the China Station in succession to Admiral Sir Percy Noble, to date from July 10, 1940. Vice-Admiral Layton will assume command about September 1, 1940.

JAPANESE PLANE BROUGHT DOWN

FANCHENG, April 29 (Central)—A Japanese bomber was hit by Chinese land forces in south Anhwei and crashed near Anking on April 21 according to a field report. The plane was wrecked and all three of the crew were killed.

RED CROSS UNIT

LONDON, Apr. 29 (Reuter)—A British ambulance unit which was in Finland is now on its way to join the North-western Expeditionary Force in Norway. It consists of 20 ambulances and 60 doctors.

ALLIED WAR MACHINE WORKING SMOOTHLY

Thousands Of Troops Move Up To New Positions

LONDON, April 29 (Reuter)—The Allied war machine is working smoothly and efficiently along the front north of Trondheim, says Reuter's special correspondent with the Allied Forces there. Already many thousands of British and French troops have safely disembarked at Namsos and have moved up silently to points of action around Steinkjer.

I was officially informed that the Allies were forced to abandon Steinkjer itself last week because the town was completely gutted by German incendiary bombs, but strong British, French and Norwegian units are now in position, north of the town.

The correspondent, who reached the North Trondheim region after a most hazardous thirty-six hour journey from the Swedish frontier, by a horse-drawn sledge over the mountains and frozen lakes of Central Norway, relates the story of the capture of a crew of three of a German bomber, forced to land on Lake Immingham by three Norwegian peasants and a Customs official to whom the Germans politely surrendered, while concealed peasants covered the army with rifles.

WELL-EQUIPPED TROOPS

The correspondent also tells of seeing a low-flying German bomber bombing a railway station and machine-gunning a British detachment, but describes all the British and French troops he had encountered as well-armed, well-equipped, confident and cheerful.

POSITION BETTER

He interviewed General Carton de Wiart in the British Headquarters in a little Norwegian cottage and the General said the position is now much better as the men were settling down and happy in their new environment. Reinforcements were arriving in good numbers and the German air attacks had greatly diminished since Allied anti-aircraft defences and fighter planes had come into action in the war zone.

There had been no raid on Namsos itself for four days although on one occasion German planes came over on reconnaissance flight at a great height. General Carton de Wiart said that two German bombers had already been brought down by British fighters near Namsos.

Further Allied Troops Landed At Andalsnes

In Spite Of Heavy Air Attacks By Germans

LONDON, April 29 (Reuter)—A War Office communiqué states that further enemy attacks in Gudbrandsdal Valley have been repulsed.

Further disembarkations have been successfully carried out, despite enemy air attacks at Andalsnes and on the lines of communication.

There has been enemy air action in Narvik, but this in no way interfered with the Allied operations.

Two points stand out in connection with this communiqué.

FAVOURABLE POSITION

In the first place it shows that for the second day in succession the Germans are being held up in the Gudbrandsdal Valley.

Secondly, the continued landings at Andalsnes, which is connected with the Gudbrandsdal Valley by railway, means that the Allied forces there can be either reinforced by rail or can fall back to stronger and well-supported positions.

The railway branches at Dombaas where the line runs north to Trondheim. Eighty miles along the line is a junction at Støren, where a light railway runs down into Osterdal Valley.

GREAT STRATEGIC VALUE

Both Dombaas and Støren are clearly of the Allies. Both are clearly of great strategic value. The line is reported to be threatened by advance German units which, the main body having been held up in Osterdal Valley, were sent across the mountain tracks to cut it.

There has been no further news of the advance units but Paris messages state that Allied troops have arrived at one station north of Dombaas towards which the Germans are moving.

NAZIS REINFORCED

BERLIN, April 29 (Reuter)—The official German news agency claims that German troops operating near Trondheim have received fresh reinforcements.

It adds that "captured Norwegian batteries" have been made ready for action.

HIGHER STUDIES IN HANOI

PARIS, April 29 (Havas)—The Minister for Colonies has submitted to the President of the Republic a decree, creating in Hanoi, an Institute of High Social and Juridical Studies in the Far East. The Indo-Chinese University has been in existence since 1931 comprising a medicine faculty and a law faculty.

The new institute would have to be attached to the Hanoi Law Faculty, but placed under the patronage of the Paris Law Faculty, and will undertake special study of law and institutions of the proper Asiatic countries.

CROSSWORD NO. 595

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1 Capable	12 Spouse
5 Tribe	19 Tiny
8 Leave empty	20 Past
9 Chide	21 Excur
11 Rent	22 Facts
12 Blood feud	24 Expel
15 Digits	27 Hints
17 Destruction	30 Confusion
23 Spouse	31 Bk
24 Expel	32 Interest
27 Hints	33 Payments
30 Confusion	34 Related
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DOWN: 1. Cable; 2. Velus; 3. Current; 4. Access; 5. Defer; 6. Mania; 7. Steam; 13. Norse; 15. Car; 16. Stern; 18. Nil; 20. Appeals; 21. Deface; 22. Barge; 23. Exalt; 24. Inter; 26. Inset; 27. Trees.

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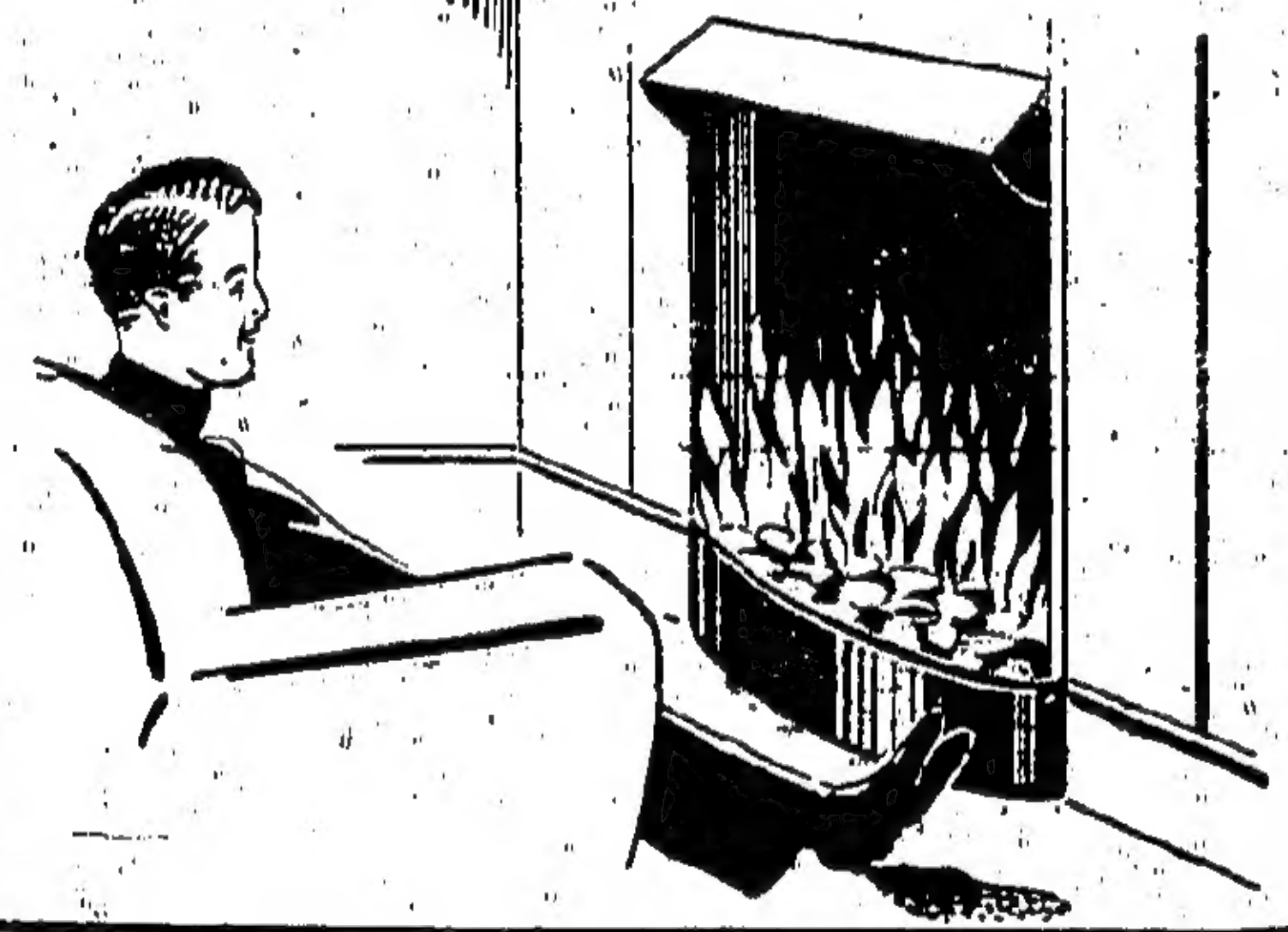
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Murder And Suicide Attempt Fails

CHUNGKING, Apr. 29 (Central)—Another puppet scandal was caused in Shanghai by the suicide and murder attempt of the widow daughter-in-law of Yen Chia-chih, "Vice-Minister of Finance" of the puppet government, to end her own life and that of her 8-year old daughter last Friday, according to a Shanghai message.

Yen's daughter-in-law took an overdose of poison and induced her daughter to take the same drug, but mother and daughter were both discovered and sent to hospital.

Yen's daughter-in-law, who is only 27, decided to end her life because Yen suddenly stopped his monthly allowance to her. Repeated requests for Yen to continue his remittance were refused.

Cowardly Nazi War Tactics

WOMEN, CHILDREN AS "COVERS"

LONDON, April 29 (Reuter)—A Norwegian High Command communiqué says that during the fighting on the Narvik Front on Thursday, the Germans, in a counter-attack, forced civilians including women and children, to march in front in order to cover their advance; thus some of our advance posts were forced to surrender. The soldiers who surrendered were afterwards used as a cover by Germans in the same way.

"After the first consternation, our troops continued fighting bravely, causing the enemy heavy losses."

The Germans abandoned Lap-paughen and withdrew to Gratans-botten.

The communiqué continued that the Norwegians took some war material, and the Norwegian air force bombed and machine-gunned some German detachments.

Hongkong Gaol Murder Trial At Sessions

Lengthy Statement From Dock By Accused

THE ALLEGATION THAT THE FELLOW-PRISONER WHOM WAS CHARGED WITH HAVING MURDERED AT STANLEY PRISON ON FEBRUARY 4 HAD FIRST ASSAULTED HIM, and that there was a fight in which he fared badly and was partly stunned, was made in a statement from the dock at the Criminal Sessions yesterday by LI SHEK-MAN.

Accused was alleged to have stabbed a man, LAU CHUEN, on that date, resulting in the latter's death on March 9.

It was disclosed that the deceased was a principal witness for the Crown when Li was charged with the murder of the master of a money-changer's shop at Hung-hom in March, 1939. Li was then found guilty and condemned to death but the sentence was subsequently commuted to life imprisonment.

The trial was before the Chief Justice, Sir Atholl MacGregor.

Mr. J. P. Murphy, Assistant Crown Solicitor, prosecuted, assisted by Det.-Insp. L. R. Whant, while Mr. George She, instructed by Mr. M. A. da Silva, appeared for the defence.

CROWN CASE

The following jury was empanelled:—Messrs. R. P. Phillips (foreman), M. Zak, J. C. Gardner, Tang King-man, U. Shu-ki, Chen King-shing and Lau Chun-kwok.

Mr. Murphy said that at the time of the alleged stabbing, Lau was serving a sentence for keeping a heroin divan. He had been in prison since June 26, 1939, and was due for discharge on February 5, the day after he was stabbed.

Li was also an inmate of Stanley Prison. In March, 1939 he was one of several men tried for murder and Lau, who was an accomplice, turned King's Evidence.

The events leading up to the death of Lau commenced on August 8 last, said Mr. Murphy, when he was attacked by Li. The incident occurred in the third ward, a place where Li had no right to be, and counsel suggested that he went there deliberately, sought out Li and attacked him.

On February 3 Lau was quartered in cell 78 in "F" Hall and Li in "D" Hall, a separate building. Li passed in the tailoring shop and on that day he was one of 30 persons detailed to remain after the rest of the party had finished work. The 30 men were later handed over to a prison guard to bring back to their cells.

DD NOT RETURN

Li, however, did not return to his cell. The officer in charge of "B" Hall found that Li's cell ticket had been removed, and his chopsticks and towel missing.

Meanwhile, Li had gone to "F" Hall where he told the officer in charge that he had just been discharged from hospital and that there was no room for him in "D" Hall. In point of fact Li had never been to hospital.

Li was placed in "F" Hall, and thus it came to be that both Li and Lau were in the same hall. February 4, was a Sunday and there was no labour for prisoners. It was also the day before which Lau was to be released, and in accordance with the rules he was not allowed to join the other prisoners for morning exercise. He remained in his cell, No. 78.

Following exercise, the prisoners were led back to their respective cells and as the warden in charge was opening them one by one he heard a loud cry.

Li was seen to break from a column and rush across to cell 78. The warden saw something in his hand and he was also seen making a downward and forward striking movement with it. He was seized.

Lau was removed to Queen Mary Hospital, where he died on March 9, the cause of death being pneumonia and haemorrhage. Before he died, Lau made a declaration, accusing Li of having stabbed him.

ACCUSED'S STATEMENT

After Crown witnesses, consisting principally of prison warders, had given testimony, accused made a long statement from the dock in his own defence.

After recounting various events in connection with the Hung-hom robbery in which he alleged that the deceased was the instigator, he said that when he saw Lau Chuen in prison he inquired of Lau the reason for his being there. Lau became annoyed.

On a subsequent occasion, continued accused, he said to Lau what a nice thing it was for an informer to be in prison, and when other prisoners learned the facts they promised his assistance to assault Lau. For this assault, accused said he served 10 weeks on rice and water rations.

When he came out, Lau, who occupied a cell near his, told him to watch out.

Coming to the events of Feb. 4, accused said that when he was returning to his cell after exercise, he met Lau, who suddenly struck him a blow. They fought and accused said he saw Lau produce something from his girdle.

PICKED UP SOMETHING

During the fight, accused said he fell down and picked up something wrapped in a piece of cloth which he saw lying on the floor. When he got up, Lau gave him a blow that sent him reeling quite a distance. Accused said that in the subsequent exchange of blows he struck Lau on the chest and again in the arm when the deceased tried to seize his throat.

Accused said he was then seized by a warden and taken outside, when he alleged, Lau once again gave him another blow. He denied that he had any intention of killing Lau Chuen.

Hearing will be resumed today.

TOURIST HURT IN FALL

Exchange Building Accident

An American Mr. W. L. Hunter, who was found unconscious in Exchange Building at noon yesterday and taken to Queen Mary Hospital is understood to be progressing satisfactorily. He regained consciousness late yesterday afternoon and, as far as he could remember, he fell in the passage of the third floor of the building where he was later found by a lift boy.

Mr. Hunter, a tourist, arrived in the Colony from Saigon on Friday and was waiting for a shipping connexion.

At the hospital it was discovered he had sustained a severe fracture of the skull.

THREE MONTHS FOR STABBING

Tsoi Chik-ying, 18, a coolie, appeared before Mr. Q. A. A. Macfadyen at Kowloon Court yesterday on a charge of causing grievous bodily harm to Li Choi, 33, who was found by the police at Shumshui ferry wharf at 3.45 p.m. on April 27 with a stab wound, half-inch deep, in his back.

Det.-Sgt. Snow, conducting the case, stated that he was called to the scene of the incident, where onlookers pointed out defendant as the man who had done the stabbing. He had attempted to arrest defendant on the spot, but the latter ran away and could not be caught up with. Defendant was arrested later, however, on information.

The stabbing had followed a quarrel between the two men. Sentence was passed, of three months, hard labour.

WOUNDING CASE

Committal proceedings were continued at Kowloon Court yesterday against Chiu Tong, 21, who is charged with wounding Li Wah in Kowloon on Apr. 1 with intent to cause grievous bodily harm and, alternatively, with wounding.

Complainant is in the employ of the Military at Stonecutters Island and the attack on his person by defendant, it is alleged, followed a quarrel he had with a fellow employee at Stonecutters. Hearing will be continued tomorrow.

AXE KILLING ALLEGED

Appearing on remand before Mr. H. G. Sheldon at the Central Court yesterday charged with murder, Lo Kah, contractor's coolie, was committed to the Criminal Sessions. The deceased was a foreman, who was alleged to have been hacked to death by defendant with an axe in a room on Apr. 3.

H.K. POLICE RESERVE

ORDERS BY THE HON. MR. T. H. KING, COMMISSIONER OF POLICE

CHINESE COMPANY
Drill. Members of No. 3 Platoon will parade at Central Police Station on Thursday, May 2 at 17.30 hours sharp under Sub-Inspector (R) Chan Chung Tung. Dress—Khaki Uniform. Cap with Khaki Cover, Belt with Brace, Whistle and Chain and Truncheon.

Training Course—Part II. The undermentioned members of the Chinese Company will attend Company Headquarters for Part II of Training Course on Tuesday, April 20 at 17.30 hours sharp:—

Constables R12 Lal Chak Po, R15 Tsui Kwok Ching, R31 Kwok Wai Lam, R39 Ip Shu Ming, R95 Ip Wing Nin, R101 Lai Li Ying, R184 May Wai Fong, R165 Lik George Poon, R166 Chan Shiu Sun, R169 Lau Yun Ning and R171 Ip Wa Kwai.

Training Course—Part III. The following will attend Company Headquarters for instruction in Part III of Training Course on Monday, April 29 at 17.30 hours sharp:—

Constables R12 Lal Chak Po, R15 Tsui Kwok Ching, R31 Kwok Wai Lam, R39 Ip Shu Ming, R95 Ip Wing Nin, R101 Lai Li Ying, R164 Mak Wai Fong, R165 Lik George Poon, R166 Chan Shiu Sun, R169 Lau Yun Ning and R171 Ip Wa Kwai.

Patrol Duty. Patrol duties will be carried out as ordered.

INDIAN COMPANY

Training Course—Part I. The following members will attend Central Police Station on Wednesday, May 1 at 17.15 hours for Squad Drill under Sub-Inspector (R) Mehdi Khan:—

Constables R231 A. Karim, R257 A. Khan, R277 M. Afzal, R217 A. Hamid, R218 B. Abbas, R240 A. Mohamed, R265 M. Ramzan, R268 K. Ali, R239 N. Hamet, R291 A. R. Ferroz, R274 H. Khan, R213 M. Ali, R272 N. Nazir, R256 A. Khan, R268 G. Singh, R300 P. Singh, R701 N. Khan, R704 M. Currim, R705 S. Khan, R708 M. Hosen, R711 W. Abbas, R713 S. Bacho, R714 A. Khan, R716 P. R. Sharma, and R717 Ajab Khan.

Training Course—Part II. The following members of the Indian Company will attend Company Headquarters for Part II of Training Course on Monday April 29 at 17.30 hours under P.S.R. 214 Channan Singh:—

Constables R212 P. Singh, R272 N. Nazir, R219 M. Y. Hussain, R229 G. Nabi, R259 A. Khan, R268 G. Singh, R268 N. Khan, R300 P. Singh, R701 N. Khan, R702 M. Hayat, R704 M. Currim, R705 S. Khan, R706 M. Yaktub, R707 A. Hamid, R708 M. Hosen, R709 A. Singh, R710 H. Ahmed, R716 P. R. Sharma, R711 W. Abbas, R712 A. Rahman, R713 S. Bacho, R714 A. Khan, R715 F. Din, and R717 Ajab Khan.

Patrol Duty. Patrol duties will be carried out as ordered.

FLYING SQUAD

Training Course—Part II. The following members of the Flying Squad will attend Police Training School, Kowloon on Friday, May 3 at 17.30 hours for Part II of Training Course:—

Constables R339 So Manson, R364 Lee Wan Choi, R368 Chan Wah Kuen, R369 Yau Chi Chung, R370 Chan Chun, R373 Chiu Kwok Wah, R374 Tai Wing Tak, R375 Shum Koon Ying, R376 Lam Wye Kee, R381 Chan Hung Pul, R377 N. Yeu Chou, R378 Ng Chak Ying, R379 Peter Yeung, R380 Chan Wing Fatt, and R382 Chu Chung Leung.

Training Course—Part III. All members who have not yet qualified in Part III of Training Course will attend Kennedy Road Range on Sunday, May 5, 1940 at 10.00 hours sharp to face the "A" and "B" Courses.

Instructional Patrol. The next instructional patrol of the Kowloon Section will take place on Wednesday, May 8, 1940 at 17.15 hours sharp at Terminus Fire Station. All members must attend. Dress—Khaki Uniform. Cap with Khaki Cover, Belt with Brace, Whistle and Chain, and Truncheon to be carried.

Patrol Duty. Patrol duties will be carried out as ordered.

EMERGENCY UNIT RESERVE

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Ice Boxes Stolen

BUT RECOVERED BY OWNERS

Leung Chiu, 25, convict at Stanley Prison, appeared before Mr. Q. A. A. Macfadyen at Kowloon Court yesterday on a charge of larceny of five ice-boxes, property of the Dairy Farm.

It was stated in Court that defendant, while an employee of the Dairy Farm, had taken away and sold five ice-boxes from a store room for a total sum of \$298. Three of the ice-boxes were sold for \$210 to a cafe owner in Temple Street, another for \$80, to a Dairy Farm customer who had formerly hired the box and was told he could buy it outright for \$80, and a fifth box to a friend of this customer who only paid \$28.

Det.-Sgt. H. J. Baldwin, prosecuting, said that all the ice-boxes had since been located and would be recovered by the Dairy Farm Company. Sentence was passed of three months hard labour.

RED CROSS WORK

The Foreign Auxiliary wishes to thank all those people who have already responded to the appeal for help for the foreign doctors in China.

Donations have been received from the following:—Mr. D. C. Edmondston, H.K. & Shanghai Bank, H.K.\$100; Mr. and Mrs. G. Goodban 25; Col. H. B. L. Dowling 25; Anonymous 20; Dr. John Lancaster 15; Eastman Kodak Company 10; Mr. and Mrs. W. Elliott 10. Total: H.K.\$205.

The Foreign Auxiliary is especially anxious that there shall be a good response to this appeal, as it is felt that the splendid effort made by the Norwegian Relief Committee in supporting these ten doctors over the past year should not be allowed to lapse now that Norway herself is involved in the European war and is no longer able to continue her support.

Further donations will be very gratefully received at the office, Bishop's House, Hongkong.

FLOWER DAY RESULT

The Flower Day held by the University Chinese Medical Aid Association on Saturday, April 20, in aid of the wounded soldiers and refugees in China resulted in the total sum of \$2,463.05 being collected.

Altogether 16 schools gave their co-operation, and to Shuk Girls' School topped the list with a collection of \$322.05. The pair who collected the largest sum were Miss Katherine Kam and Miss Daisy Khan, Italian Convent, who turned in \$36.19.

Donations were also received from the Hon. Sir Robert H. Kotewall, Hon. Mr. M. K. Lo, Hon. Dr. Li Shu Fan, Sir Robert Ho Tung, Prof. F. A. Redmond, Prof. H. H. Roffey, Mrs. J. E. Faid, Mr. Li Tse Fong, Mr. Yu Tong Sen, Mr. Tang Shiu Kin, Mr. Ng Chak Wah, Prof. R. C. Robertson, Prof. R. Robertson, Prof. K. H. Digby, Prof. L. R. Shore, Dr. R. J. Wong, Mr. Mok Kon Shan, and Mr. H. Y. Ts'o.

FATAL MISHAPS

Yau Wai-ching, a young married woman of No. 263 Cheung Sha Wan Road met her death instantaneously on Sunday when she fell from the roof while flying a kite.

Two workmen of the Tai Koo Docks were seriously injured and removed to the Queen Mary Hospital as a result of an iron bracket falling on them. One of them died.

No. 2 Police Station on Tuesday, April 30 and Friday, May 3 at 17.15 hours. Dress—Khaki Uniform.

Training Course—Part III. The undermentioned members will attend Kennedy Road Revolver Range on Wednesday, May 1 at 17.15 hours for a revolver shoot:—

Crown Sergeant R427 J. C. Powers, Lance Sergeants R402 M. Afangaslett, R414 M. A. R. Sousa, Constables R261 R. M. R. Marques, R485 N. M. Krasnoperoff, R479 C. A. R. Remedios, R468 A. F. Delgado, R466 M. L. Rocha, R484 W. A. Fox, R419 H. J. Smits, R474 F. J. Medina, R473 S. S. L. de Faria, R463 G. A. Lee, R478 A. R. P. Perela, R478 H. F. Sullivan, R471 J. F. de Silva, R456 B. A. Young, R465 H. W. Pomery, and R456 A. M. Sousa.

The E. U. R. van will leave Queen's Pier at 17.05 hours.

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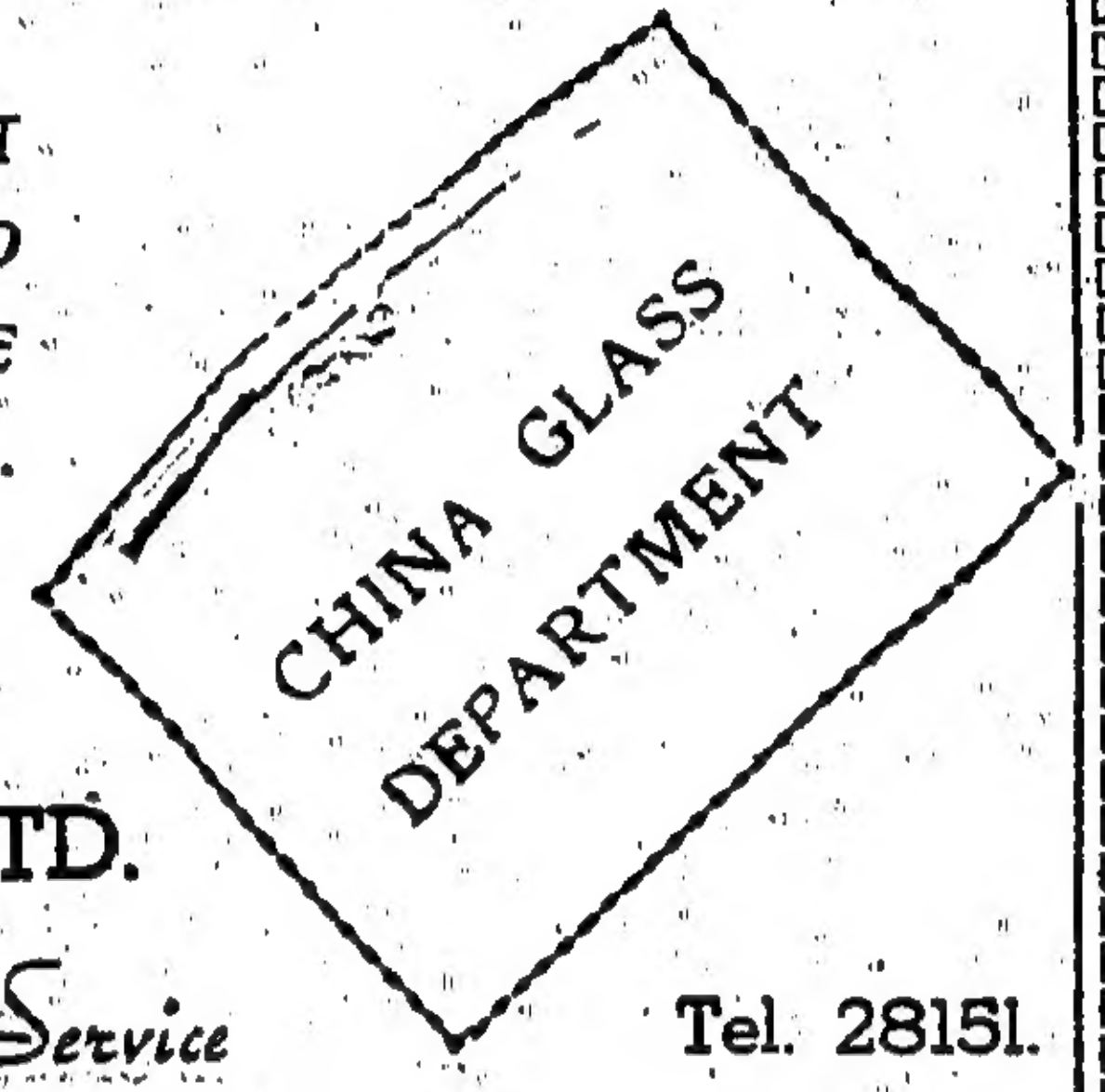
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The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be closed from the 20th April to 30th April, 1940, both days inclusive.

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The Transfer Books of the Company will be closed from the 3rd May to 13th June inclusive.

By order of the Board.

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THE CONTROL OF COMMUNICATIONS

THE OPERATIONS now taking place between the Allied and German forces in Norway have gradually assumed the shape for a control, in the first instance, of communications. The Allies are, on the one hand, straining every effort to cut off the Nazi fighting units from all communication with Germany and the Germans, on the other, are realising daily the urgent need there is to establish contact with their invading forces in the North. As far as the Nazi hopes of keeping in touch with their fleet are concerned, the British and French naval units have blasted these in no uncertain manner and the impotency of the Nazi Fleet at present has completely upset any plans which Herr Hitler may have had in mind for keeping his forces supplied with the aid of his Navy.

THE ALLIED troops now fighting in Norway alongside the Norwegians are endeavouring to drive a solid wedge between the Nazi armies in the north and south of Norway and are slowly securing their objective in their push from west to east from a point slightly to the south of Trondheim. Herr Hitler's only hope, therefore, appears to lie in his being able to make use of the numerous railways which run from Southern Sweden into Norway and to the North to relieve the position with supplies and reinforcements for his troops, which are now in danger of being cut off from communications with Germany. They have already been isolated along the coast and where they have been able to secure a foothold they may be starved out unless help comes to them swiftly.

HERR HITLER'S demand to Sweden for the use of her railways, both for the purpose of sending assistance and for securing the iron ore he needs has been flatly turned down. This will make it all the more necessary for the Nazis to strike at Sweden in an attempt to accomplish their objective with one quick blow. When this blow falls it will provide a waiting world with a true idea of the trend of feeling in Russia towards Nazi intentions.

JAPAN'S ECONOMIC PRECIPITATION

IT HAS BECOME increasingly apparent that Japan's

INDIAN P. C. GAOLED FOR DESERTION

Man Who Wandered Into Chinese Territory

Found guilty, on a charge of desertion, Harbhajan Singh, 32, constable B162 of the Hongkong Police Force, was sentenced to six months' hard labour by Mr. R. Edwards at the Central Court yesterday.

The defendant pleaded guilty to the charge on Saturday, April 13, giving the reason that he was drunk and wandered into Chinese territory where he was held prisoner by the Japanese who then occupied the border.

He was sentenced to six months' hard labour, but a few days later Mr. Edwards re-opened the case under the Magistrates' Ordinance, remarking that doubted defendant's plea being one of guilt.

Mr. C. A. Sutherland Russell appeared for the defendant yesterday and pleaded guilty. Det.-Sergt. F. W. Fowles prosecuted. The defendant joined the Police Force in October, 1937, for a term of five years.

Constable B265, Battate Singh, who was stationed at Sheung Shui Police Station late last year, said that he last saw the defendant, dressed in civilian clothing, leaving the station carrying a basket.

FAILED TO REPORT

Sergt. W. S. McHardy, officer-in-charge of Sheung Shui Police Station, testified that the defendant was granted 24 hours leave at 8 a.m. on November 7 and was to return on duty at 10 a.m. on November 9. He failed to report for duty and a circular was sent to all stations.

Witness explained that when a police officer was granted short leave he could go anywhere within the Colony. There was no Police Regulation to prevent an officer taking short leave to leave Hong Kong. But he said, in another clause in the Regulations a police officer must first apply before he was allowed to leave the Colony, and in such a case, the application should first be sent through

sudden interest in the European war and her concern over possible repercussions in the Far East have been motivated by her deteriorating economic position. During the last war, it will be remembered, Japan gained many economic advantages as a partner in the Allied cause. Today, with her military venture into China facing failure and her economic strength sapped to its limits, Japan is certainly not too confident of being able to recoup herself while the European powers are preoccupied with hostilities in the West. Her import trade has fallen sharply in an endeavour to conserve her resources and her export industries are feeling the pinch of labour shortage, since the greater part of her workers have been almost completely absorbed in her armament and munition factories to keep her war machine in China supplied with necessary equipment.

THESE ARE handicaps which are daily placing Japan in a more embarrassing position and, before the situation becomes a desperate one, Japan may foolishly be inclined to believe that relief can be obtained by a new venture. Hence her sudden interest in the status of the Dutch East Indies, which as a potential buyer of her goods and an exporter of the essentials she needs, holds a unique position in the Orient. The full meaning of Herr Hitler's words "export or die" is apparently just beginning to dawn on the Japanese and pressure from within is no doubt being exerted on her statesmen to prevent the economic crisis which is threatening to envelop the country.

WITH TWO of her trade treaties—with America and the Netherlands—lost by abrogation, with no chance of renewal, Japan has begun a vigorous trade policy—witness the recent exchange of notes between Nippon and Argentina. Japan, however, must not forget that other countries are just as anxious to strengthen their economic position and any attempt to save her own embarrassment by force will meet with strong resistance.

"HAD MORE DRINK"

"When I had left the station, I remember I went out to buy some onion seeds. I went to the village where I had more drink from my bottles. My memory was rather hazy when leaving the station."

The next thing I remembered was 8 o'clock the following morning when I found myself locked up by Japanese. I told them that I had come there by mistake and asked them to let me go. They refused.

"The next day I was taken to somewhere in Canton. I was detained till Dec. 7."

Defendant then said that the Japanese accused him of acting as a British spy.

Mr. Russ: They thought you were in the Secret Service—Yes. They refused to let me come back. I was not allowed to have a paper and pencil. They took my photograph and I was employed as a kind of watchman.

ESCAPE ATTEMPT

"I attempted to escape once but I was arrested and put in a cell for about 15 or 16 days. I promised them that I would not escape any more and they put me on duty again with the Japanese soldiers. If I went out a Japanese soldier would accompany me."

"I eventually shaved off my beard and escaped. I got down to the frontier by walking, which took me seven days. I was going to Lokmahau Police Station when a Chinese soldier arrested me and took me to Shumehun."

"On November 10 I was handed over to the Hongkong Police."

Mr. A. R. S. Major, Superintendent of Police, said that the defendant did not have a good record in the Force.

NEWSETTES

St. Andrew's Women's Fellowship will hold a Charity Mahjong Drive today starting at 3 p.m.

Dr. Leighton Stuart, president of the Yenching University in Peking, left Hongkong for Shanghai recently.

Mr. R. P. Morris will be the speaker at this afternoon's tiffin meeting of the Hongkong Rotary Club. He will speak on "Empire Wireless Communications."

His Excellency Sir Shenton Thomas, Governor of the Straits Settlements and High Commissioner of the Federated Malay States, left Singapore by air on April 17, on a holiday, accompanied by Lady Thomas.

Lin Chi-shih, a Chinese member of the International Brigade which fought in the Spanish Civil War for the Republicans, has returned to China to fight for his country against the Japanese.

Labour Day, today, which is declared a public holiday, will be observed quietly by Shanghai Chinese labour organizations. No meetings will be held in view of the prevailing conditions in Shanghai.

Sir Clutha Mackenzie, blind knight and hero of Gallipoli, spent a few days in Singapore recently when he addressed the Singapore Rotary Club and offered suggestions and advice on ways and means of helping Malaya's blind.

WEDDING AT REGISTRY

Mr. James Maurice Wong, accountant, of No. 108 Thomson Road, and Miss Amy Au, of No. 69 Pokfulam Road, were married yesterday at the Registry, Supreme Court. Mr. J. Reynolds, Deputy Registrar of Marriages, officiated at the ceremony.

AN AMERICAN LOOKS AT THE WAR

"WE HAVE BEEN FOOLING OURSELVES FOR 20 YEARS"

Britain has never officially attempted to introduce any form of propaganda for the Allied cause in the United States of America. It has been suggested in many quarters that this is a mistaken policy and that by such inaction the Allies are allowing German claims and distortions to poison the mind of the American people against the Allies.

Coming almost as a corrective to this charge is a letter which appeared in the New York Times recently by an American citizen—Mr. Lawrence Hunt. As evidence of purely American thought, which is gradually finding expression in the United States, we reproduce this letter. (TO THE EDITOR OF THE NEW YORK TIMES)

PONTIUS PILATE STILL LIVES.

At the moment he exercises greater influence on our national thinking about foreign affairs than any other person living or dead.

He strides the length and breadth of America, dining his immortal philosophy of neutrality into our minds and hearts. You can hear him on the platform, over the radio, in the club car, at women's club meetings and labour union gatherings. You can read his works in current books, in magazines and newspapers.

"Wash your hands," he says, "of this mess. I did once, and saved myself a lot of work and worry. That was none of my business. This is none of yours. So wash your hands of it now."

FOREIGN POLICY:

For the last 20 years we Americans have been fooling ourselves, as Pilate tried to do in another practical situation, when we've talked about America's foreign policy. We still are. It's not surprising. We have been deluged with a constant stream of propaganda about the "Crime of Versailles." "We won the war and what did we get?" the pathetic spectacle of a gullible America caught in the wily intrigues of Old World diplomacy, England expecting every American to do his duty, the "Merchants of Death" and the "Wall Street Bankers."

Today there's a new, but equally polluted, stream of propaganda luridly warning us against propaganda. The upshot of it all is that the thinking of many honest people has become confused, their nerves jangled and their emotions lashed.

And as a nation we have managed so far to escape from reality and the tough responsibilities of being a first-rate Power.

I DON'T MEAN THAT WE HAVE LOST THE PURITANICAL VICE OF PREACHING TO OTHERS, BUT WE HAVE FAILED TO EXERCISE THE PURITANICAL VIRTUE OF DOING OUR SHARE—AND MORE, IF NEED BE—OF THE HARD WORK OUR VERY GREATNESS REQUIRES OF US.

PURPOSE OF LETTER:

The purpose of this letter is to suggest briefly that we average citizens question some of these slogans and catch-phrases which are doing so much to paralyse the moral driving force of the American people. Too many of us have been doing our thinking on foreign affairs by proxy. A lot of us let the columnists do it.

I suggest that we stuff our ears for a while to the stately measures, the sounding brass and the tinkling cymbals of various of these. Maybe if we do that we can hear ourselves think.

Long before Hitler made the "Crime of Versailles" his favourite bedtime story to the German people, many of our "intellectuals" were talking and writing about it in fevered manner of a town gossip. Pseudo-historians, irresponsible journalists and disgruntled liberals who couldn't digest some of the tougher facts of life all did their bit. There was also some honest, intelligent and justified criticism of it.

As a treaty it had imperfections, having been drawn by imperfect men representing imperfect peoples, most of whom for four years had endured a war that was not exactly perfect. True, Germany lost some rather unprofitable colonies in Africa (in 1914 they accounted for less than one-half of 1 per cent of her foreign trade).

Alsace-Lorraine was restored to France. Any objections? The house hears none.

MUCH TOO MUCH:

Then there were the reparations. Much too much. At any rate, machinery was set up whereby they

could be scaled down to a reasonable figure and that was shortly done. Voluminous tears have been shed over the war-guilt clause.

Through all the fog and smoke of controversy one thing is clear. England and France did not invade Belgium. The war was not fought on German soil. "But—but—the Germans are a proud people." Since when has such pride become a cardinal and cleansing virtue?

Do you remember what the German leaders said they were going to do to the rest of the world if they won? If you don't and are really interested, I suggest that you dig back into the official documents and the files of newspapers of 25 years ago, and also read the Treaty of Brest-Litovsk. The peace-at-any-price propagandists to-day will not tell you, nor will the facing-both-ways columnists.

Suffice it to say that had Germany won, the Treaty of Versailles, in comparison with the German peace terms, would have seemed like the Sermon on the Mount.

There was one magnificent attempt in the Versailles treaty for a better world—the League of Nations. Our President, Woodrow Wilson, fought hard for it. Those awful European nations, our recent associates, accepted it. America turned it down. We wanted to preach, not work, for a world of peace and ordered liberty.

LET'S BE HONEST:

Yes, there's this and that and a thousand and one other things to be said about the "Crime of Versailles." I am merely suggesting a few things to remember.

The fairest summary of America's participation at the Versailles Peace Conference was made by Clemenceau's right-hand man, Tardieu: "A war won by four could not end in a peace dictated by one."

But "We won the war." Sure we did. Almost single-handed. Almost. Let's try to be honest with ourselves so that we may be fair to others. Let's remember what England and France and our other associates contributed to the winning of that war.

FOR INSTANCE, THEY FOUGHT THE WAR FOR THREE YEARS WHILE WE REMAINED NEUTRAL AND WAXED RICH AT THEIR EXPENSE.

England, with a population one-third of ours, lost in dead alone nearly 1,000,000 men; France, with a population less than one third of ours, more than 1,500,000; Canada, with a population less than New York State, about 100,000.

IN OTHER WORDS, HAD THE UNITED STATES SUFFERED RELATIVELY AS FRANCE DID, OUR DEAD ALONE WOULD HAVE EXCEEDED 4,500,000 MEN. AS IT WAS, WE LOST ABOUT 7,500.

We never knew the horror of an air-raid, the terror and degradation of an invading army destroying our towns and cities and enslaving a large part of our civilian population to be hewers of wood and drawers of water in the enemy country.

Fuel-less Sundays, Liberty Loan drives, and one piece of sugar instead of two were among our major enterprises.

Yes they helped—helped a lot, "turned the tide" and all that sort of thing. But as a nation we were spared the agony our comrades-in-arms endured. My point is that when we stop to think and make a real effort to be fair the propaganda we have been fed for several years seems a bit incident.

SOMETHING "PHONY"

There is something "phony" in the contrast between our noisy pride in our fighting prowess and our self-abasement as diplomatic morons. You know that oft-repeated phrase, "America has won every war and lost every peace conference."

The next time some parlour intellectual repeats that phrase in the pompous manner of the man trying to make a conversational impression, ask him how many and what peace conferences he's talking about.

Did our diplomats lose for us the American Revolution, the War of 1812, the Mexican War of 1845-48, the Spanish-American War or the World War (when we ducked our job by repudiating the League of

Anti "T.B." Work

"BENEFIT SALE" OF PAINTINGS

The first public effort to raise money for the fight against Tuberculosis in the Colony is being made by Mr. Johnson Lee who is holding an exhibition of his paintings at the St. John's Cathedral Hall.

Over 100 delightfully executed oil and water colour paintings are on view at the Hall daily from 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. in addition to several etchings of typical Chinese scenes and life.

MODERATE PRICES

Very moderately priced, these pictures are on sale at prices ranging from \$10 to \$60. There are also other pictures by the same artist for which offers are invited by the public.

The proceeds are partly in aid of the fight against a scourge that is claiming nearly 5,000 deaths a year in the Colony, 40 per cent of taking of the exhibition being set aside for the newly formed Anti-Tuberculosis Association.

One of the first patrons of the exhibition was the Hon. Dr. P. S. Selwyn Clarke, D. M. S. who bought two pictures. The exhibition will continue till 7 p.m. on Apr. 30 and it is hoped the public will do their utmost to help a very needy cause.

ROBBERY IN YAUMATI

The staircase of No. 14, Nanking Street, Yaumati district, was the scene of an armed robbery about 3 o'clock yesterday afternoon when two men, armed with daggers, robbed Wan Pik-ling, 19, and Ko Yee, 48, both women, of a quantity of jewellery.

GUNMEN ABANDON THEIR TAXI

CHUNGKING, April 29 (Central)—The stolen taxi used by the four allegedly pro-puppet gunmen in the bombing outrage in the press-room of the Shanghai Evening Post and Mercury on Saturday has been discovered in an abandoned place in the western district of Shanghai, according to a Shanghai message.

The chauffeur of the car has also reported to police authorities who are continuing investigations.

The management of the Evening Post and Mercury printed thousand of extras on the outrage and declared that cowardly intimidation would not influence to the least extent their policy.

SHAI REFUGEE RELIEF ASSCN.

SHANGHAI, Apr. 29 (Reuter)—The Shanghai Refugee Relief Association, sponsored by various local charitable bodies, has started to repatriate the 9,000 refugees hitherto accommodated in ten refugee centres and is expected to wind up its business in a month's time, says the Shunpao.

STATEMENT BY PREMIER?

LONDON, April 29 (Havas)—It is believed that the Prime Minister, Mr. Chamberlain, will make a very important statement on the military situation in Norway on Tuesday.

Parliamentarians, while realising that discretion must be observed with regard to information of a military character, believe that at present information can be communicated without danger of their serving the enemy's purpose.

It is certain that at the present moment news is not very satisfactory since the Germans succeeded in establishing liaison with Hamar and Trondheim.

Nations? Didn't they do pretty well in the Louisiana and Alaska purchases, the Oregon boundary dispute, the Alaskan fisheries controversy, the Alabama claims, the Venezuelan crisis of 1895? You may not be able to convince him, but at least you will have the satisfaction of exploding a myth.

AT ANY RATE LET'S STOP TALKING NONSENSE ABOUT BEING "BOMBBOOLED" BY WILLY FOREIGN DIPLOMATS. IT'S JUST ANOTHER WAY OF FOOLING OURSELVES AND EVADING OUR RESPONSIBILITIES.

(TO BE CONTINUED)

WHERE NAZIS WERE THOUGHT THERE WOULD BE NO RESISTANCE

And Forgot They Had To Deal With The Navy!

LONDON, Apr. 29 (Reuter).—“There has been much talk about treachery and the use of the fifth column in Norway but not everyone may realise that this is part of the doctrine created by the German General Staff and the Nazi Government,” said Captain Cyril Falls, military correspondent of “The Times” in a B. B. C. broadcast today.

While “deception” is one of the normal artifices of war, the German method was to employ corruption and treachery in an attempt to win the campaign before it really started.

The Germans had hoped that in Norway, as in Denmark, there would be little or no resistance. They also miscalculated the naval factor.

GERMAN NAVY CRIPPLED

The Norwegians are resisting and the Allied troops are going to their aid, while the German Navy has been so crippled that it is now a less serious menace in the calculations of the Allies and even the neutrals.

The situation in Norway is difficult for two main reasons:—
1.—Although we can interrupt the passage of German troops to Oslo and have indeed already caused thousands of casualties of the most serious kind to their morale—through death by drowning—it is practically impossible to stop this traffic altogether. In fact, the Germans can send reinforcements with less difficulty than can the Allies.

2.—The Nazi air bases are closer so that their planes can harry Allied troops more than we can theirs. We have already done a good deal towards offsetting this by bombing their air bases and have indeed inflicted heavier losses than we have suffered.

RESTRICTED ACTIVITY

We have also sent some fighter planes to attack the Nazi bombers. But it must be remembered that the Germans are, at the moment, in possession of most of the airfields in Norway so that we can operate only on a small scale.

WRONG IN NORWAY

VON RIBBENTROP CANNOT EXPLAIN BRUTAL INVASION

LONDON, Apr. 29 (Reuter).—In dealing with Herr von Ribbentrop's speech on Saturday, the Belgian paper “Matin” says “The fatuity of such a manoeuvre can only deceive children.”

In discussing the same subject, the St. Louis Post says that Ribbentrop's explanation cannot explain away the plain facts of brutal invasion.

The Italian newspaper “Forze armate” states that the Norwegian defences have been “galvanised by the presence of the Allied troops. The stake is high and gigantic forces face each other in the struggle. Therefore it will be a stern struggle.”

The “Basler Nachrichten” a Swiss newspaper says: “The German ‘Blitzkrieg’ which was to vanquish Scandinavia within a few days has failed. This cannot be denied any longer after the mysterious failure to carry out a monster attack on British transports.”

“This wasted opportunity cannot easily be regained.”

Norwegians Hold Nazis

ONLY TWO ROADS TO SWEDEN

STOCKHOLM, April 29 (Reuter).—According to the military correspondent of the Svenska Dagbladet the German troops advancing from Oslo along the Oslo-Bergen Railway are reported to have been checked by Norwegian troops at Naes, to the north-west of Oslo.

This German force is now 55 miles from the other force, advancing along the same railway from Bergen, and which captured Voss.

If the troops from Oslo break through the present Norwegian resistance, they are faced with a long climb up snow-covered mountains. All roads from Norway to Sweden, except two, are now reported to be under German control.

NORWAY NEVER TRANSGRESSED

SOMEWHERE IN NORWAY, Apr. 29 (Reuter).—Dr. H. Koht, Norwegian Foreign Minister, declared that Herr von Ribbentrop's assertion that Norway knew beforehand that Britain intended to mine Norwegian territorial waters and that she approved of the plan was false.

He added that nobody could succeed in proving that Norway in any way transgressed the duties of a neutral.

Norway Was Not Ready

NO PREPARATIONS EVER MADE

WASHINGTON, Apr. 29 (Reuter).—The Norwegian Legation in Washington categorically denies that there has ever been any agreement between the Norwegian Government and any other Powers concerning the use of Norwegian territory for military or naval forces, or other facilities.

The new German White Paper is similar to the methods used by Berlin to justify the invasion of Belgium in the last war.

There has never been any collusion between Norway and Britain against Germany and the Legation states that the Germans could not have found any documents showing that Norway was preparing for war, for no such action had been contemplated.

JAPANESE TRADE WITH DUTCH EAST INDIES

Special To H.K. Daily Press

TOKYO, Apr. 29 (Havas).—Trade circles are now urging the development of Japanese trade with the Netherlands East Indies replacing the Scandinavian countries which have been paralysed as a consequence of the extension of the European conflict.

The trade of the Netherlands Indies with the Scandinavian countries, though not very important, included imports and exports which Japan is quite ready to take over.

Early Intensification Of War On All Fronts Is Predicted In Many Quarters

LONDON, Apr. 29 (Reuter).—Evidence accumulates in many quarters of an early intensification of the war on all fronts—not only in the areas already turned into theatres of war, but also in others which hitherto have been immune, writes the Daily Telegraph diplomatic correspondent.

GERMAN DRIVE CHECKED

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In the Oester Valley, the Germans are reported to be held up five miles north of Roer where the Norwegians destroyed the road and bridge.

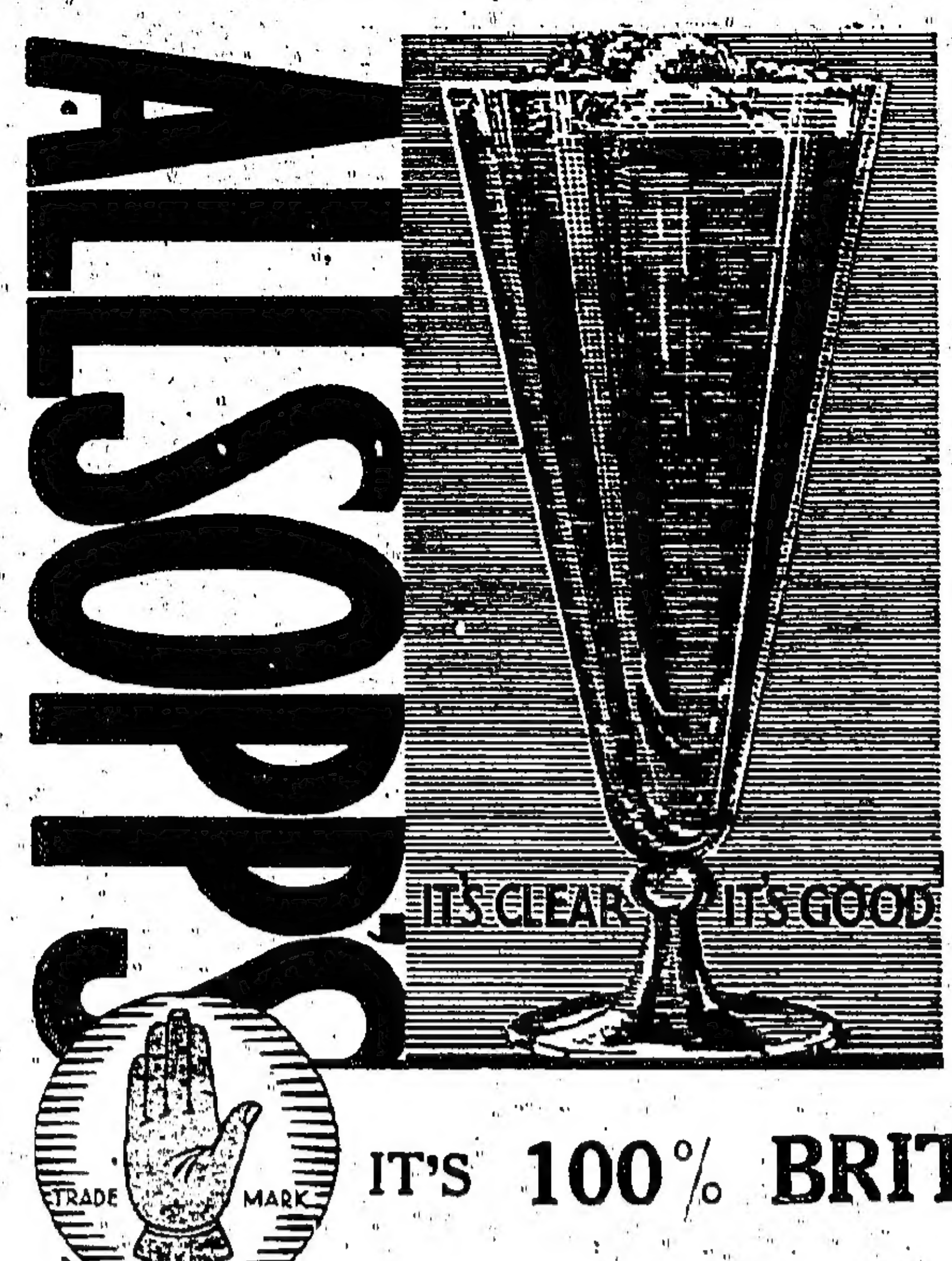
BERLIN, Apr. 29 (Reuter).—A German High Command communiqué claims that the pacification of the interior of Norway is continuing.

Twenty-four guns, equipment and ammunition were captured and a dynamite factory occupied.

These deductions proceed from the firm conviction in very responsible Allied circles that the Nazis have decided to risk all in an endeavour to force the war to a decision by next winter.

German political leaders are confident that Germany would be able to score a sweeping success over the Allies by the end of the present summer.

There is some reason to believe that Herr Hitler, when he laid his plan of operations before Signor Mussolini during the Brenner Pass Conference meeting, managed to carry a large measure of conviction.



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RUMANIA AND YUGOSLAVIA WILL NOT STRETCH POINT

BUCHAREST, Apr. 29 (Havas).—Rumania and Yugoslavia have flatly turned down the Hungarian proposal to stretch a point in the international control of the Danube, with German gunboats being allowed on the river.

Hungary's proposal was addressed to Bucharest, Belgrade and Sofia urging the bordering States and Germany to carry out the policing of the Danube. Sofia and Bratislava have not yet replied.

It will be recalled that similar proposals were submitted last March before the Belgrade conference in which members of the Balkan Entente took part but the scheme was rejected.

Hungary agreed to this plan but reserved the right to make new suggestions at some future date. It was later reported that Germany had exerted pressure on Budapest to secure a change in the system of policing the Danube.

Budapest originally denied these rumours but apparently they have since been substantiated.

GALWAY'S OFFICE EXTENDED

WELLINGTON, Apr. 29 (Reuter).—The office of Governor-General of New Zealand held by Viscount Galway, G.C.M.G., D.S.O., has been extended until February next. His Governorship of New Zealand has already been extended six months.

Viscount Galway, who was formerly Sir George Vere Arundell Munckton-Arundell, has been Governor-General of New Zealand since 1935.

MUNICIPAL LOAN

SHANGHAI, Apr. 29 (Reuter).—The subscription list for the Municipal loan of 1940, covering the issue of debentures of \$18,000,000 at 6 per cent, with interest at six per cent per annum, was closed this afternoon upon full subscription.

The list was opened at ten o'clock in the morning.

Corsica Is Italian, Says Dr. Ley

BERLIN, Apr. 29 (Reuter).—The German Labour Leader, Dr. Ley, in a broadcast to German youth, emphasised Italian solidarity with Germany.

Dr. Ley said that Italy was in the same position Germany with the same enemies, Britain and France.

On the question of Corsica, he asked, was it French or Italian? Dr. Ley asserted it was Italian and the great Napoleon was, therefore, Italian.

The German Labour added, “We cannot tolerate the British in the Mediterranean as we cannot tolerate them in the Baltic.”

STABILISATION OF COMMODITY PRICES

CHUNGKING, Apr. 29 (Central).—To check the steady rise of the cost of living in the interior, the Government authorities have decided to set aside a sum of \$50,000,000 as a stabilisation fund for commodity prices, it is learned here.

Wholesale purchases will be made of daily necessities to be resold to the public. Where necessary, arrangements have been made for the four Government banks to extend credit facilities.

INDIAN WAR SUPPLIES FOR INDO-CHINA

SIMLA, Apr. 29 (Reuter).—Following the recent visit of a mission from French Indo-China to Delhi, an agreement was reached whereby India will supply Indo-China with a wide range of war materials.

The agreement also provides for the reciprocal supply of materials required by the armed forces of both countries.

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UNITED FRONT AGAINST WANG REGIME

Some Of The Difficulties Of Overseas Chinese

CHUNGKING, April 29 (Central).—The outbreak of the European War has its advantages and disadvantages as far as overseas Chinese are concerned, according to Mr. Chen Shu-jen, Chairman of the Overseas Affairs Commission, in a review of overseas affairs recently.

For instance, Mr. Chen pointed out, Chinese in the South Seas are benefitted by the rise in the prices of tin, rubber, timber and spices, while the wartime boom enjoyed by the United States' munitions industries is shared by Chinese residents in that country.

On the other hand, the activity of Chinese communities abroad is raised and who are gradually replacing the economic interests enjoyed by the Chinese. He cited the anti-Chinese agitation in Thailand as an example.

Continuing, he revealed the practical difficulties confronting the work of the Kuomintang abroad. The party, he said, is not allowed to work in the open in Malaya. In Dutch East Indies, the Kuomintang may work openly, but its members are closely watched. The Three People's Principles are banned there.

In Thailand, Kuomintang officials were arrested and deported. Likewise, the Kuomintang's activity in Brazil is severely handicapped by the Rio de Janeiro Government's decree prohibiting activities of alien political parties.

However, one comforting fact is that the Chinese abroad, whether Kuomintang members or not, are united in opposing the Wang Ching-wei puppet regime.

REVOLUTION IN PANAMA?

PANAMA, April 29 (Reuter).—A secret store of arms, including some German sub-machineguns, was seized in the early morning yesterday by the Panamanian police. A number of arrests were made but no details were revealed.

The police are believed to be searching for other similar stores. Rumours of revolutionary plotting have been current here recently and zero hour was said to have been set for last Friday night but nothing happened.

Murder And Barbarity Near Shanghai Area

Old Men Killed: Wounded Denied Medical Aid

SHANGHAI, April 29 (Reuter).—A long cordon of burnt down villages, within a few miles of Shanghai, still smoking and lifeless, apart from a few howling dogs, affords grim evidence of the Japanese punitive action in reprisal for the guerrilla raids, writes Reuter's representative, who is the first foreigner to effect an entry into the strictly guarded zone, lying to the west of the city, off Tsingpu Road.

Four Germans Kidnapped

ONE IS MEMBER OF EMBASSY

Special to H.K. Daily Press
PEKING, Apr. 29 (Havas).—Four Germans, one of whom was a woman, were kidnapped yesterday by bandits in the Piyun Temple on the western hills. The woman was released yesterday evening while two others were held captives.

The bandits demanded watches, money and arms but did not receive arms and refused to set all free until their demands had been complied with.

The German authorities are endeavouring to get in touch with the kidnapers for the release. One of the captives is a member of the German Embassy, one a doctor, one a Peking resident and the woman a typist.

LORD “HAW HAW” AND SHANGHAI

SHANGHAI, Apr. 29 (Int'l).—Lord “Haw Haw” has made his presence felt in Shanghai over the German radio station here when he used choice names in referring to the news commentator in American-owned station XHFA who gave out news not complimentary to the Nazis.

In Shanghai as in Berlin, Lord “Haw Haw” is the radio announcer in English over the German broadcasting station.

Meanwhile, the jamming of the American station has decreased and can be clearly heard in the outskirts except in the nightly broadcasts at 10.15 p.m.

The villagers told me that Japanese soldiers set fire to the homesteads and bayoneted the fleeing people. Several aged men were among the number killed, while women and children were not spared a good many of them being wounded.

Some of the bodies are still buried in piles of charred grain and other foodstuffs, while the roasted carcasses of livestock bear mute testimony to the Japanese severity.

I passed twelve such villages and was informed that there were many more.

The wounded are in a pitiable plight and are not able to get medical assistance as they cannot get passes to get through the Japanese manned barriers on the road to Shing-hai.

AFRAID OF GUERRILLAS

The villages were burnt during day-time raids, the people declared, as the “Japanese are afraid to come out in the night owing to the guerrillas.”

Although a Japanese military spokesman denied to Reuter last week that there were “major operations” in the area, saying that the trouble caused by the guerrillas was negligible, it is obvious that the Japanese were compelled to considerably tighten up all precautions.

NEW POSTS

A number of apparently new military posts have sprung up in that area and a new barracks has been built on the Hunjiao aerodrome.

It is believed the guerrillas are making the fullest use of the growing crops in harassing the small Japanese garrisons on the outskirts of Shanghai.

PRESERVATION OF PEACE WAS CHIEF AIM OF NORWEGIAN POLICY, SAYS FOREIGN MINISTER

During the debate on the Speech from the Throne the Norwegian Foreign Minister, Dr. Koht, laid particular stress on the passage in the Speech which declared the preservation of peace to be the chief aim of the Norwegian Government.

Continuing, Dr. Koht said that to remain neutral is not only a duty we owe our country but is also a right we exercise in our relations with other peoples.

One may at times be inclined to believe that the belligerent Powers think that we ought to choose between them, and that there is really no other way out offered to us.

INDEPENDENT POLICY

I will, therefore, put on record that we regard ourselves as being in truth outside the war. Our neutrality is the outcome of an independent Norwegian policy and is based on vitally important Norwegian interests. We will not let ourselves be drawn into the war and we are determined to defend our neutrality as far as it lies in our power.

The Foreign Minister then referred to the problems which the war has created for the small nations, pointing out that the mine warfare had proved the most fatal to this country. Norway has since the outbreak of war lost 28 ships aggregating 10,000 tons and more than a hundred (X) Norwegian seamen have perished.

By February 2, 33 ships aggregating 91,254 tons had been sunk with a total of 227 lives lost. In some cases there had been a well-founded suspicion that the sinkings had been due to submarines. We know that two vessels have been sunk by German warships, but there are in addition four doubtful cases where there is no definite proof that the sinking was the work of belligerent vessels.

SERIOUS HINDRANCE

The mine and submarine war has proved a serious hindrance to the Norwegian export trade and has also been harmful to the belligerents themselves. The belligerents would do well to con-

sider whether they had not better in their own interest exercise greater restraint in their use of this form of warfare.

The mine war has also been carried into Norwegian territorial waters. In the first half of December one British and one Greek vessel were sunk off the Norwegian coast. It is, however, doubtful whether those sinkings occurred within the territorial limit. It is on the other hand clearly established that the sinking of another British vessel the "Depthford" occurred in Norwegian territorial waters.

In none of these cases has it been proved that the sinking was caused by torpedoes. One might have suspicions, and these seemed strongest in the case of the "Depthford." If so a German submarine must have been at work. As soon as the investigations were completed all three cases were brought to the attention of the German Government, with a request that the matter be fully looked into and steps taken to prevent a recurrence. It should be found that the sinking of the "Depthford" was due to a German submarine.

ENTIRELY UNFOUNDED

A whole month after the above-mentioned sinkings had taken place, British and French newspapers affirmed that Norway was unable to keep the war from invading her territory and suggested that Allied warships should therefore enter Norwegian territorial waters.

The information here submitted makes it quite clear, however, that this contention is entirely unfounded, and even if one of the belligerents had committed such flagrant violation of our neutral-

ty, this would give the other party no right whatever to do the same.

We have done everything in our power to maintain a strict neutrality. This was acknowledged by the whole world when we released the German prize "City of Flint" as she sought refuge in a Norwegian port. We have shown and will continue to show our will to preserve strict neutrality towards all the belligerents.

SOVIET & FINLAND

Commenting on the war between Soviet-Russia and Finland Dr. Koht said:

When Russian forces invaded Finland the feeling in our country was one of consternation. It was war against a peaceful neighbour with whom we live in close collaboration, and our hearts cannot but be deeply stirred by this event.

Nobody can prevent such feelings, and no Government can prevent that help is sent to mitigate the sufferings of the Finnish people. But, however natural these things are, it is equally clear that the state must remain outside the conflict. This is the more necessary as much forces as we have for our defence are needed at home.

Under the political conditions now prevailing in Europe we might easily find ourselves involved in a conflict with more than one Great Power. We can not embark on such a policy of adventure.

It has been a cause of great satisfaction to us that Finland has played its part in Northern co-operation, but it should be borne in mind that it was never the meaning that this collaboration should have military significance.

All the Northern Governments have declared themselves against a military alliance and during the meeting of the Northern states at Stockholm on October 18 and 19 last, it was made clear that none of the Northern countries had contracted any obligations of a military nature towards any other country.

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VOLUNTEER ORDERS

ORDERS BY LT.-COL. H. B. ROSE, M.C., COMMANDANT, HONGKONG VOLUNTEER DEFENCE CORPS

ORDERLY MEDICAL OFFICER

MEDICAL INSPECTION—RECRUITS

Friday, Mar. 3 H.Q. 5.30 p.m. Lt. E. W. Stout.

CLASP TO THE EFFICIENCY MEDAL

Extract from Government Gazette No. 17 of the 19/4/40.

"No. 44—In accordance with regulation 8 of the Regulations as to grant, forfeiture, restoration and other matters concerning The Efficiency Medal in regard to the Hongkong Volunteer Defence Corps, published as Notification No. 579 in the Gazette of August 2, 1935, His Excellency the Governor has been pleased to authorize the following award:—

Clasp to Efficiency Medal.

Regimental Quartermaster Sergeant Albert Edward Kew. April 18, 1940."

PROMOTION

Extract from Government Gazette No. 17 of the 19/4/40.

"His Excellency the Governor has been pleased to approve the following promotion in the Hongkong Volunteer Defence Corps, with effect from Mar. 28, 1940:—

Staff Quartermaster—Sergeant Ralph James Shrigley to be Second Lieutenant. April 15, 1940."

PARADES

CORPS ARTILLERY

3rd Battery

Thursday, May 2 H.Q. 5.15 p.m. N.C.O.'s Class, Dress—Overalls & S.D. caps.

Thursday, May 2 Miniature Range, 5.30 p.m. D.E.L. Section, Dress—Muff.

4th Battery

Friday, May 3 No. 1 Gun: B. C. Staff, "A" Relief, D.E.L. "B" Relief; and all Signallers 5.30 p.m. Queen's Pier for Pakshawan, returning at 10 p.m. Dress—S.D. caps, overalls, gun platform shoes, waterbottles filled. Haversack rations will be provided.

5th A.A. Battery

Thursday, May 2 (1) No. 1 Section, Queen's Pier, 5.15 p.m. Overalls to be carried (11) No. 2 Section, H.Q. 5.30 p.m. As per programme. Jacket and trousers.

FIELD COMPANY ENGINEERS

Thursday, May 2 H.Q. 5.30 p.m. Lecture—Heavy Bridging by Lt. Hilton, R.E.

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All respirators, knives and pliers must be returned to Company Office.

CORPS SIGNALS

Friday, May 3 H.Q. 5.15 p.m. Signal training.

MOBILE COLUMN

Armoured Car Platoon

Friday, May 3 H.Q. 5.30 p.m. All Classes, Compass and Map Reading, Mechanism.

Motor Machine Gun Platoon

Friday, May 3 H.Q. 5.15 p.m. for Kennedy Road Range. Those detailed, M.G. practice Pt. I.

NO. 1 COMPANY

Friday, May 3 H.Q. 5.30 p.m. O. C. Company's parade. All ranks will attend.

Sunday, May 5 Kowloon City Range, M.G. Casuals. All those who have not already fired Party II A.M.G.C. For detail see para. 5 below.

NO. 2 COMPANY

Thursday, May 2 (1) No. 8 Platoon, Kowloon Dock 5.30 p.m. M.G. and L.G. instruction. (11) No. 7 Platoon, H.Q. 5.30 p.m. Training programme parade No. 3.

NO. 3 COMPANY

Thursday May 2 Nos. 9, 10 and 11 Platoons, training, as in Company programme. No. 12 Platoon, N.C.O.'s only.

NO. 4 COMPANY

Friday, May 3 H.Q. 5.30 p.m. Company parade, T.O.E.T. No man will be eligible for Weapon Training Bonus for 1939-40 until he has passed these tests. Recruits: Musketry training.

NO. 5 COMPANY

Sunday, May 5 Kowloon City Range, M.G. Casuals. For details see para. 5 under

All Box Respirators and Steel Helmets must be returned to H.Q. immediately.

NO. 7 COMPANY

Thursday, May 2 H.Q. 5.45 p.m. Musketry—Fire Control Orders and Discipline.

Thursday, May 2 H.Q. 5.30 p.m. Whole Company, drill, Dress—Overalls and S.D. cap.

Parades—Members are reminded that parades are compulsory. Permission to be absent must be obtained prior to parade date. Action will be taken in respect to any member disregarding this order.

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Hongkong Royal Observatory

10 a.m. April 29.

Barometer (at sea level), 30.00 ins.

Temperature, 70 F.

Humidity, 72 per cent

Wind Direction, E.N.E.

Wind Force (Beaufort), 1.

Temperature; maximum yesterday, 75 F.

Temperature; minimum last night, 68 F.

Rainfall for 24 hrs. ending 10th today, nil.

Total rainfall since January 1st, 22.49 ins.

Against an average of, 11.01.

Sunset tonight, 6.46 p.m.

Sunrise tomorrow, 5.52 a.m.

4 p.m., April 29.

Barometer (at sea level), 29.89 ins.

Temperature, 73 F.

Humidity, 65 per cent.

Wind Direction, ESE.

Wind Force (Beaufort), 2.

Maximum temperature, 73 F.

Minimum temperature, 67 F.

Rainfall, nil.

HONG KONG TIDE TABLE

From 30 Apr to 8 May 1940.

Days of Week	Date of Month	High WATER.		Low WATER.	
		Hong Kong Standard Time	Height	Hong Kong Standard Time	Height
Tues.	30	h. m.	h. m.	h. m.	h. m.
		05 39	4.5	08 30	4.4
		18 24	5.5	22 50	5.1
Wed.	1	06 30	4.9	10 50	4.8
		18 55	5.2	23 29	4.9
Thur.	2	07 01	5.1	—	—
		19 11	5.1	12 11	3.8
Fri.	3	07 28	5.4	00 24	3.3
		19 10	5.1	13 04	3.3
Sat.	4	07 48	5.6	01 02	3.3
		20 02	5.1	13 48	3.8
Sun.	5	08 09	5.9	01 38	3.3
		20 45	5.1	14 29	3.3
Mon.	6	08 28	6.3	02 10	3.4
		21 28	5.0	15 06	1.8

A black-out was imposed all over Switzerland recently under the orders of General Guisan, Commander-in-Chief. Air raid alarms were sounded to give the population practice in running to shelters.—(Havas).

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GERMANS CUT RAILWAY

STOCKHOLM, Apr. 29 (Reuters)—According to press reports the Germans are entrenching five miles, to the north, at Orvis, where the Norwegians have cut the railway by blowing up the bridge over the fast flowing Glommen River. The French are reported to have been in action against a German force attempting to make a detour to Bangsund across the water 10 miles from Namsos.

EARTHQUAKE RELIEF

KUNMING, April 29 (Central)—A sum of \$20,000 will be appropriated by the National Relief Commission to the Relief Centre in Kunming for distribution among the large numbers of refugees at shipping victimised by the recent severe earthquake.

Finance and Commerce

H.K. STOCK EXCHANGE

Business reported was not of vast proportions, and prices are not too robust, but the spread was over a variegated selection.

BUYERS

H.K. Banks, \$1,500.
Bank of E. Asia, \$74.
Union Ins., \$490.
Providents, \$44.
Lands, \$364.
Realities, \$440.
Telephones (Old), \$284.
Telephones (New), \$10.
Lane, Crawford's, \$8.05.
Wm. Powell, \$1.
Entertainments, \$7.10.

SELLERS

Providents, \$440.
Electrics, \$654.
Telephones (Old), \$29.
Telephones (New), \$104.
SALES

Docks Cum Rts., \$214.
Hotels, \$44.
Lands, \$364.
Chinese Estates, \$103.
Trams, \$174.
China Lights (Old), \$7.90.
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MANILA GOLD SHARES

Atoks 164b, Antamok 12s, Bagulo Gold 18s, Batang Buhay 01b, Big Wedge 17s, Coco Grove 08s, Com Mines 0025b, Demonstration 084b, L.X.L. 304s, Ipo Gold 07s, Itogon Mining 204b, Masbate Con. 06b, Mine Operations 074s, North Gamarines 043s, Paracale Gummaus 16s, San Mauricio 61b, Surigao Con. 174s, Suyoc Con. 124s, United Paracale 21s, Mindanao Motherlode 084s.

RUBBER SHIPMENTS TO THE UNITED STATES

British Malaya Exports On The Increase

NEW YORK, April 29 (Havas)—The "Weekly Survey of Commodity and Exchange" states that changes in the sources of American rubber supplies, which were expected as a result of the war, failed to materialise.

Commercial quarters thought that American buyers of crude rubber would have to depend on the Dutch East Indies more than on British Malaya because of war time conditions.

BETTER FIGURES

However, figures for the first six months of the war have failed to substantiate this, and actually British Malaya has supplied, since the war started, 67.3 per cent of America's rubber, computed on a monthly average basis, as compared with the monthly average of 64.8 per cent for the period between January 1937 and August 1939.

According to this survey the only notable shift in world rubber shipments since the outbreak of the war are, firstly, a decided drop in British Malaya's share in rubber shipments to Japan and Europe, and secondly, the sharp increase of re-exports from the United States to Europe.

Since the war started Europe has received 13.9 per cent of its rubber from the United States in the form of re-exports.

HONGKONG SHAREBROKERS' ASSOCIATION

Volume Of Business Transacted on Monday, April 29, 1940.

China Lights (O)	500	\$ 7.90
H.K. Electric	250	7.90
China Providents	1,000	4.32
H.K. Docks C. Rts.	150	21.75
H.K. Docks X. Rts.	300	21.75
H.K. Electric	100	19.55
H.K. Tramways	100	17.50
H.K. Lands	200	38.75
Star Ferries	50	67.50
Ewos	500	\$370.50

The total value is \$42,902.50 and Shanghai \$35,250.00.

SHANGHAI PORK SHORTAGE

SHANGHAI, April 29 (Reuters)—Almost all pork dealers in the French Concession and the International Settlement were compelled to suspend business yesterday when they were unable to obtain fresh supplies of pork from Nantung, Kiangsu Province, owing to the heavy taxes imposed by the Japanese authorities, says the Sinwampao.

ANGLO-ITALIAN TRADE TALKS

LONDON, April 29 (Reuters)—It is learned that Anglo-Italian trade relations was discussed in an interview between Lord Halifax and the Italian Ambassador, Signor Bastianini, over the end of the week. One of the main objectives was to carry forward the trade talks, which were interrupted early in March, at the time of the incident concerning Italian coal ships at Rotterdam.

All cotton exporting countries except the United States, Egypt, and Peru have lost ground in the current season as compared to a year ago, according to figures released in New York by the Cotton Exchange, says Havas. China showed the heaviest drop in the exchange listing, dropping from 255,000 bales in 1938-39 to 14,000 bales in 1939-40. Exports from the United States, Egypt and Peru

SPURS ORDERED TO PAY RATES

Court Threatens To Issue Distress

LONDON, April 16 (By Air Mail)—Tottenham Hotspur Football Club were summoned at Tottenham today for the nonpayment of rates amounting \$844 7s 1d.

COURT ORDER

The Bench made an order for the amount to be paid in four weeks, otherwise distress would issue.

When the case was called, Mr. Arthur Turner (secretary of the club) said he appeared in answer to the summons, but the clerk of the court stated: "The Spurs are a limited company and can be represented only by a solicitor. I should have thought the Spurs would have had a solicitor."

AN APPEAL

Mr. L. C. A. Dubery (the chairman) said: "As long as you have not got the whole team here, we don't mind."

It was intimated that the Club had entered an appeal against the rate on their premises, but it was said that they had no right to withhold payment pending the hearing of the appeal.

Mr. Turner pleaded that the Club was unable, owing to the difficult circumstances of the times, to meet the claim.

He pointed out that immediately after the summer close season, the war came and the ground was closed for seven weeks. Since then the Government had allowed attendances of only 10 per cent. of the normal.

BANK "NOT KEEN"

The Tottenham Corporation occupied part of the stands for which they had paid nothing.

In reply to a suggestion that the club should obtain the money from the bank, Mr. Turner said that banks were not keen to lend money where there were big overdrafts.

WARNING TO MARINERS

LONDON, Apr. 29 (Reuters)—The Admiralty announce that Vestfjorden and its approaches have been mined, and vessels navigating in these areas without seeking instructions from the local British or Norwegian naval authorities do so at their own peril.

The announcement says "Vestfjorden is mined to the north of a line extending in the direction of 128 degrees from Vaeroy Island Light 67.39° days N. 12.45° days E. to the mainland."

"Channels to the north-east and to the south of Steinvær Island 69.16° days N. 16.35° days E. have also been mined."

showed gains. India lost ground, falling from 1,044,000 bales last year to 888,000 bales this year. Brazil's export dropped from 535,000 bales to 419,000 bales.

Sir John Simon Should Have Asked For More Press Criticism Of Budget: Two Points Of View

LONDON, Apr. 29 (Reuters)—A Sound Budget and A Budget of Delusion—these two headings of leading articles reveal the difference of opinion held by the British press in connexion with the new Budget.

The former is from the Spectator which follows the line of reasoning by the Chancellor of the Exchequer who, the paper says, made a fair distribution between borrowing and taxation. It approves of the other taxes with the exception of the raising of postage rate.

The other heading comes from the Economist which is very critical. The Chancellor has missed the opportunity to introduce a Budget which would have served as a promise of resolute action and would have given the people a chance to demonstrate their passionate desire to serve the State.

Usually, discussion of the Budget is concerned with details, the totals generally being taken for granted. This year the discussion about totals is rightly so, the Economist continues. £220,000,000 is miserably inadequate. It represents £5,500,000 a day but already last month we were spending £5,000,000 a day. Does the Government really wish us to believe that the most it can manage in the next 12 months for our

ANOTHER GOEBBELS STUNT

It should be pointed out that in connexion with this figure of £3,000,000,000, frequently referred to, the Nazis do not publish their Budget like we do and that one home paper suggests that the figure was put out by Dr. Goebbels just to impress the world.

The Economist is also dissatisfied with the methods. The taxation proposals bear heavily only on the specific points on which they are imposed. Increases on beer, spirits and tobacco and the stiff increased postage rates are penal but the increase of taxation as a whole is light.

NATION'S RESOLUTION

The new Purchase Tax is an interesting newcomer, but it is not a major contribution towards paying for the war.

More should be done to increase savings even if all forms of expenditure must be brought under control.

The Sunday Times says that the British people cannot be taxed without their own consent, and no people in that position have ever been taxed so heavily. Yet the principle criticism of the Chancellor has been to imply that he should have asked for more sacrifices, not less.

One could desire to better evidence of the nation's resolution than the reception given last Tuesday's Budget.

GERMANS EXPELLED FROM TURKEY

ANKARA, April 29 (Reuters)—The authorities are reported to have arrested, and ordered the expulsion of five Germans—an archaeological professor, a journalist and his wife, a merchant and his agent.

This follows the tightening up of the control of foreigners residing in Turkey. Istanbul police have ordered all cabaret artists, who recently arrived in large numbers and are mostly of Hungarian nationality, to leave the country before May 1.

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COMMODITY MARKET REVIEW

(FROM PAYNE & CO.)

New York, April 27, 1940.

SINGAPORE RUBBER

	Previous	April 27	Change
S P O T	35 cts.	35-7/8	off 1/8
JULY-SEPT.	35-1/8	34-7/8	off 1/4
OCT.-DEC.	34-1/4	34 cts.	off 1/8

The market was quiet.

LONDON RUBBER

	Previous close	Today's close	Change
S P O T	10-15/16	buyers	
M A Y	10-15/16	buyers	
J U N E	11	Market closed	
JULY-SEPT.	11-1/16		
OCT.-DEC.	11-1/16		

NEW YORK COTTON: Heavy price-fixing of nears together with the scarcity of contracts is likely to result in further tightening of old crops. The question of export subsidy is very undecided and there is no prospect of an immediate action. The weather generally is favourable.

NEW YORK RUBBER: Prices again levelled off on scattered May liquidation on a thin market. Factory interest was less in evidence.

CHICAGO WHEAT: Hedging and realizing caused an early eastness but prices rallied on evening up by local interests. The strength of Corn market was impressive and foreign interest appeared to be reviving.

NEW YORK STOCKS: Previous close, 147.73; Today's close, 148.12; Change, up 39.

NEW YORK COMMODITY MARKET

(REUTER'S SERVICE)

	High	Low	Close	Change
New York Cotton, May	10.80	10.73	10.75	.05 up
New York Rubber, May	19.38	19.24	19.38	.14 off
Chicago Wheat, May	108 1/2	107 1/2	108 1/2	1 up
Chicago Corn, May	64 1/2	63 1/2	64 1/2	1 up
New York Hides, June	13.75	13.70	13.74	.04 off
NEW YORK COTTON				
May	10.75/75	10.74/74	10.80/80	.05 up
July	10.48/48	10.60/60	10.87/87	.04 up
July (New contract)	10.63 N	10.60/60	10.87/87	.04 up
October	10.18/19	10.15/15	10.17/17	.01 off
December	10.05/05	10.00/00	10.02/02	.03 off
January	9.99 N	9.94/94	9.96 N	.03 off
March	9.89 N	9.86/86	9.86 N	.03 off
Spot	10.93 N		10.98 N	.05 up

Total sales Friday—37,200 bales.

First notice day for cotton—1/5/40 and last day 22/5/40.

NEW YORK RUBBER

	1939/40	1934/35	1924/25	Change
May	19.38/45	18.90/90	18.85/85	.10 off
July	18.95/95	18.81/81	18.82/82	.07 off
September	18.59/70a	18.40/40	18.40/40	.10 off
December	18.50/50	18.35 N	18.35 N	.09 off
January	18.44 N			

Total sales—830 tons.

CHICAGO WHEAT

	107 1/2/107 1/2	107 1/2/107 1/2	108 1/2/108 1/2	Change
May	107 1/2/107 1/2	107 1/2/107 1/2	107 1/2/107 1/2	1 up
July	106 1/2/106 1/2	106 1/2/106 1/2	107 1/2/107 1/2	1 up
September	106 1/2/106 1/2	106 1/2/106 1/2	107 1/2/107 1/2	1 up

Friday's sales—32,600,000 bushels.

CHICAGO CORN

	63 1/2/63 1/2	64 1/2/64 1/2	64 1/2/64 1/2	Change
May	63 1/2/63 1/2	64 1/2/64 1/2	64 1/2/64 1/2	1 up
July	64 1/2/64 1/2	64 1/2/64 1/2	64 1/2/64 1/2	1 up
September	65 1/2/65 1/2	66 1/2/66 1/2	66 1/2/66 1/2	2 up

WINNIPEG WHEAT

	89 1/2/89 1/2	89 1/2/89 1/2	89 1/2/89 1/2	Change
May	89 1/2/89 1/2	89 1/2/89 1/2	89 1/2/89 1/2	1 up
July	90 1/2/90 1/2	91 1/2/91 1/2	91 1/2/91 1/2	1 up
October	92 1/2/92 1/2	93 1/2/93 1/2	93 1/2/93 1/2	1 up

NEW YORK HIDES

	13.74/75	13.72/72	13.70/70	Change
June	13.74/75	13.72/72	13.70/70	.04 off
September	14.01/01	14.01/01	13.97/97	.04 off
December	14.27/27	14.23/23	14.22/22	.05 off
New York Official	34-3/4		unquoted	
NY-London Cross Rate	351		350-3/4	

LONDON STOCK EXCHANGE

(REUTER'S SERVICE)

The following quotations are the middle prices at the close of the market in London. All quotations are subject to confirmation and no responsibility is assumed for errors in transmission.

	£	100	Change
War Loan, 2 1/2% (Red after 1932)	99-9/16		
Canton-K'loon Rly. 5%	15		
Chinese 4 1/2% Gold Loan 1898, (Brit. Issue)	56		
Chinese 5% Gold Bonds, 1925-47	52		
Chin. 4 1/2% Anglo-French Loan, 1908	50		
Chinese 5% Crisp Loan, 1913 (Ldn. Is.)	25 1/2		
Chinese 5% Reorg. Loan, 1912	36		
Chinese 8% Ster. Loan, 1925 (Vickers)	11		
Chin. Imperial Rly. 5% Loan	60		
Hukuang Rly. 5%, 1911	19		
Hukuang Rly. 5%, 1911 (German Issue)	17		
Lung Tsing & U. Hai Rly. 5% 1913	13		
S'hai-N'King Rly. 5%	21		
Tientsin-Pukow Rly. 5% (Brit. Stpd.)	13		
Tientsin-Pukow Rly. 5% (German Stpd.)	13		
Tientsin-Pukow Rly. 5% (Brit. Stpd. Supl. Loan)	13		
Tientsin-Pukow Rly. 5% (Ger. Stpd. Supl. Loan)	13		

MONEY AND EXCHANGE

CLOSING QUOTATIONS

APRIL 29, 1940.

On London:	
Telegraphic Transfer 1/2 13/16	
Bank Bills, on demand 1/2 13/16	
Credits 4 months sight 1 3/8	
On Shanghai:	
On demand	350
On Singapore:	
On demand	52 1/2
On Japan:	
On demand	91 1/2
On India:	
Telegraphic Transfer 1/2 13/16	
and demand	82 1/4
On New York:	
Bank Bills, on demand 91 1/2	
Credits, 60 days sight 22 3/8	
On Batavia:	
On demand	40
On Paris:	
Bank Bills, on demand 108 1/2	
Credits 4 months sight 114 0	
On Saigon:	
On demand	108 1/4
On Manila:	
On demand	43
On Bangkok:	
On demand	160
On Sterling Notes:	
Bank Buying Rate	1/4
Bar Silver per oz.	30 13/16

Market Report

FROM ROZA BROS

Silver prices were unchanged over the week-end, the quotations remaining at 20 13/16 for Ready and 20 3/4 for Forward. American Silver was quoted at 34 3/4 for Spot.

The London/New York cross-rate was quoted at 402 1/2. New York/London was quoted at 350 3/4.

Market

Extremely quiet.

Sterling

There were sellers at 1/229/32 for near and 1/27/8 May/November, buyers at 1/215/18 Cash and probably 1/229/32 September.

U.S. Dollars

A small business was reported at 21 13/16 for Cash. The market closed at 1 p.m. with a probable sellers at 21 13/16 Cash, 21 3/4 May and probably 21 11/16 June, buyers at 21 7/8 Cash, 21 13/16 May and 21 3/4 June.

Shanghai Dollars

Business was done early in the morning at 360. Subsequently the rate receded to 359 1/2. Towards 1 p.m. there were sellers again at 360 for Spot.

Shanghai Market

Sterling sellers at 4/9/64 for Spot and U.S. Dollars at 6 1/32 sellers for near delivery.

AFTERNOON MARKET

The market was quiet in the afternoon.

Sterling

No business was reported finishing with sellers at 1/229/32 for near and 1/27/8 May/November, buyers at 1/215/18 Cash and probably 1/229/32 September.

U. S. Dollars

Nothing doing. The market closed with sellers at 21 13/16 Cash, 21 3/4 May and 21 11/16 June, buyers at 21 7/8 Cash, 21 13/16 May and probably 21 3/4 June.

Shanghai Dollars

Sellers at 360.

Shanghai Exchange

Shanghai, Apr. 29 (Reuter).

Official T.T. Rates

	Opening	Closing
London	0/4	0/4
New York	5-3/4	5-3/4
Japan	23-1/2	23-1/2
India	22-1/8	22-1/8
Paris	2.94	2.94
Hongkong	26-3/4	26-3/4
U.S. Dollars		
Spot	0/4-1/8	0/4-9/64
Apr.	0/4-1/8	0/4-9/64
May	0/3-63/64	0/4-1/64
U.S. Dollars		
Spot	\$6-1/32	\$6-1/16
Apr.	6-1/32	6-1/16
May	5-13/16	5-13/16

Market—Quiet but steady.

Merchant Rates

Sterling, 0/4-3/32.
U.S. Dollars, \$6.

Smethwick Drop Forg.	13/9
Armstrong Stevens, ord.	6/8
Pressed Steel, com.	17 1/4
Vickers, ord.	17 1/4
Woolworths	60/6
Anglo-Dutch	21
Rub. Plant. Invest. Trust	28/9
Burma Corporation	9/3
Commonwealth Mining	—
Marsman Investments	14
Randfontein Estates	40
Western Holdings	18/6
Sub-Nigel	201/3
Tanami Gold Mining	8d.
Anglo-Iranian	65
Burmah	72/8
Shell Trans. & Trad.	78/3
(bearer)	
—Nominal	
—ex-dividend	

NEW YORK STOCK EXCHANGE

QUOTATION

(REUTER'S SERVICE)

STOCKS	Last Sale	Apr. 27
Adams Express	7 1/2	
Allegheny Steel Co.	2 1/2	
Allied Stores	8	
Allis Chalmers	34	
Aluminum Ltd.	99*	
Amer. Can.	115 1/2	
American Cyanamid Co.	37 1/2	
Amer. & Foreign Power	1 1/2	
Amer. & Foreign Pwr.	25 1/2	
American Gas & Elec.	36*	
Amer. Locomotive	20 1/2	
Amer. Metals Co.	21 1/2	
Amer. Radiator	8 1/2	
Amer. Rolling Mill	15 1/2	
Amer. Sugar Refining	21 1/2	
Amer. Tel. & Tel.	17 1/2	
Amer. Tobacco "B"	90	
Amer. Waterworks	10	
Anacosta Copper	30	
Atchafalpa, T. & S. Fe.	22 1/2	
Auburn Motors	1 1/2	
Aviation Corp.	7 1/2	
Baldwin Locomotive	17 1/2	
Baltimore & Ohio	5	
Barber Asphalt Co.	15 1/2	
Barnsdall Oil	11 1/2	
Beil Aircraft Corp.	27 1/2	
Bendix Aviation	34	
Bethlehem Steel	83 1/2	
Bliss & Co.	18 1/2	
Boeing Airplane Co.	23 1/2	
Borg-Warner	22 1/2	
Bridgeport Brass Corp.	13 1/2	
Briggs Mfg.	22 1/2	
Brooklyn-Mhattan Trans.	105*	
Brooklyn-Manhattan S.S.	105*	
Budd Manufacturing Corp.	5 1/2	
Canadian Pacific Rwy.	54	
Case, J.I.	70 1/2	
Calumet	35	
Chesapeake & Ohio	39 1/2	
Chrysler Corp.	86	
Climax-Molybdenum Co.	37 1/2	
Colts Patent Fire-Arms	81 1/2	
Columbia Gas & Elec.	61 1/2	
Columbia 6% "A" pf.	89*	
Commercial Credit Co.	45 1/2	
Com. & Southern (Ord.)	11 1/2	
Consolidated Edison	34	
Consolidated Oil	7 1/2	
Continental Can.	45 1/2	
Continental Oil	23 1/2	
Copperweld Steel	23 1/2	
Corn Products	60 1/2	
Curtiss Wright (C.)	104	
Curtiss Wright "A"	22 1/2	
Deere & Co.	22 1/2	
Distillers Corp. Seagrams	89 1/2	
Du Pont de Nemours	187 1/2	
Eagle Picher Lead	10 1/2	
Eaton Mfg. Co.	34 1/2	
Elec. Autolite	49 1/2	
Elec. Bond & Share	61 1/2	
Elec. Bond & Share \$5 pf.	70 1/2	
Elec. Power & Light \$7 pf.	34	
Fisk Rubber	14 1/2	
Flintkote	18 1/2	
Gen. American Trans.	52 1/2	
Gen. Electric	37 1/2	
Gen. Motors	53 1/2	
Gen. Railway Signal	17 1/2	
Gen. Tire & Rubber	18	
Gildden Co.	17 1/2	
Goodrich (B.F.)	16 1/2	
Goodrich \$5 pf.	61 1/2	
Goodyear Tire & Co.	21 1/2	
Great Northern Iron Ore	14 1/2	
Great Northern Rly. pf.	27 1/2	
Great Western Sugar	27 1/2	
Greyhound Corp.	15 1/2	
Hercules Powder Co.	97 1/2	
Homestake Mining	57 1/2	
International Harvester	54	
Int. Nickel	30	
Inter. Paper & Power	20 1/2	
Int. Tel. & Tel.	31 1/2	
Johns-Manville	71 1/2	
J. & Laughlin Steel \$7 pf.	35 1/2	

*—bid. —ex. div.

DOW JONES AVERAGE

	1939/40	Apr. 28, 1940	Apr. 29, 1940	Change
High Low Dow Jones Averages	155-82	151-41	147-84	148-14
30 Industrials	30-98	30-70	30-54	30-71
30 Utilities	27-00	26-70	26-50	26-51
40 Bonds	87-25	87-41	87-19	87-19
Commodity Index	85-67	85-69	85-11	85-11
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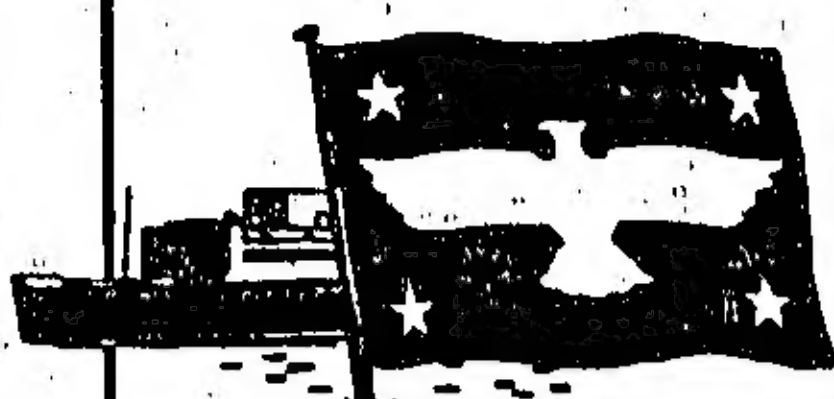
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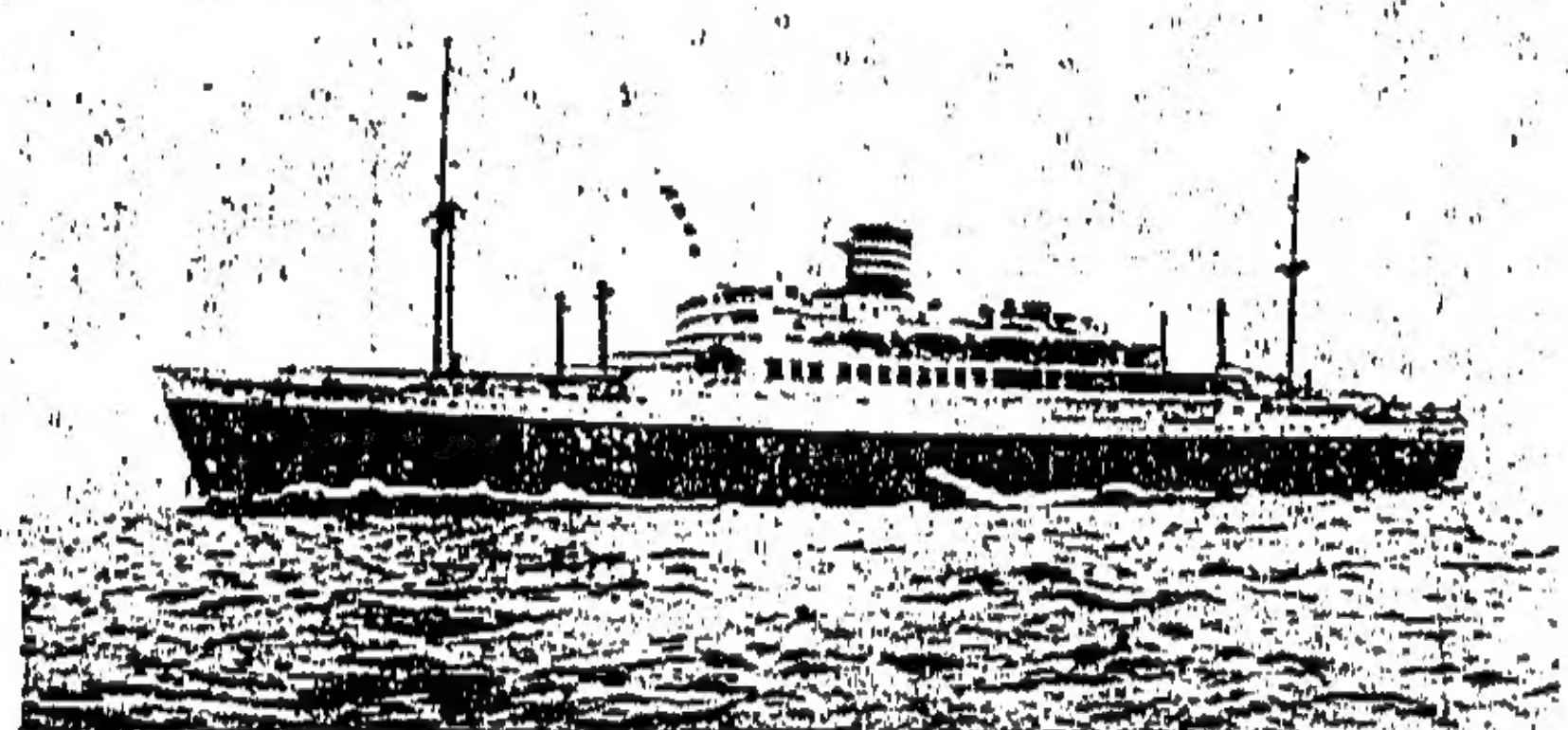
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H.K. VOLUNTEER ORDERS

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FIELD AMBULANCE
Friday, May 3 St. Paul's College.
5.30 p.m. Lecture.

PAY SECTION
Friday, May 3 Command H.Q.
5.30 p.m. N.C.O.'s detailed by O.O. Unit.

M.G. CLASSIFICATION CASUALS

Sunday, May 5 Kowloon City Range 9 a.m. Those who have not yet fired from the following units will attend:-

Mobile Column, No. 1 Company and No. 5 Company. Dress—Muff but webbing belt will be worn.

QUALIFICATION, MUSKETRY—AMENDMENT

Reference Corps Orders No. 28-40 of 1944. Para. 3. Under No. 5 Company. Delete the name of Pte. G. N. Gosano.

CORPS ORDERS—AMENDMENT
Corps Orders No. 28-40 of the 1944. Para. 8. Command. Lieut. K. M. A. Barnett to command the 2nd Battery during the period of absence on leave of Captain Garland and not "3rd Battery" as stated.

CHANGE OF NAME—MEMBER
2990 Pte. R.B. Quinlan, M.M.G. Platoon, has changed his name to "Bartholomew Sheehan."

APPOINTMENTS AND PROMOTIONS

Cpl. W. S. Hillier, A.S.C. Coy to be Sgt., 28.4.40.

L/Cpl. W. Hyde, A.S.C. Coy to be Sgt., 28.4.40.

L/Cpl. L. D. Purves, A.S.C. Coy to be Cpl., 28.4.40.

Pte. J. Wolfe, A.S.C. Coy to be L/Cpl., 28.4.40.

Pte. F. Hall, A.S.C. Coy to be L/Cpl., 28.4.40.

Pte. B. E. Sugars, A.S.C. Coy to be L/Cpl., 28.4.40.

Bdr. B. J. Murray, 1st Bty. to be Gnr. (at own request), 28.4.40.

Sgt. J. J. King, Corps Sigs. to be Signm. (at own request), 28.4.40.

LEAVE

L/Cpl. R. F. K. Jones No. 1 Coy, 27.4.40—28.6.40.

Pte. D. Hardwick, No. 2 Coy, 28.4.40—28.6.40.

Pte. G. H. Aman, No. 3 Coy, 1.5.40—31.12.40.

L/Cpl. R. F. K. Jones, No. 1 Coy, 27.4.40—28.6.40.

Pte. T. C. Monaghan, No. 1 Coy, 14.5.40—14.9.40.

STRENGTH-DECREASE

Pte. R. G. Gray, No. 1 Coy, 27.1.40.

Pte. R. F. Sutherland, No. 2 Coy, 18.4.40.

Gnr. D. Kelvin-Stark, 5th AA Bty., 8.4.40.

L/Cpl. R. T. Fung, 4th Bty., 13.4.40.

Pte. T. B. L. Khaw, No. 3 Coy, 22.4.40.

STRENGTH-INCREASE

Pte. C. L. Clarke, Fd. Ambulance, 17.4.40.

Pte. Chan King, No. 7 Company, 18.4.40.

Signm. W. Vallessuk, Corps Signals, 19.4.40.

Gnr. W. C. Low, 1st Battery, 22.4.40.

NOTICE

Corps Annual Dinner

The Corps Annual Dinner and Prize Giving will this year take the form of a Smoking Concert at which the prizes will be presented, to be held from 9.30 at Volunteer H.Q. on Friday May 17.

Entrance, which will be free, is limited to members and ex-members of the Corps and official guests. There will be no private guests.

Books of tickets for the purchase of refreshments will be on sale in the Officers' and Sergeants' Messes and in the Canteen, from 1st May and will also be available on the parade ground from 9.30 p.m. on May 17. Chits for refreshments will be accepted only in the Officers' or Sergeants' Mess Rooms.

Dress. Mess kit, or K.D. uniform for present members. Dinner jackets for ex-members and non-service guests.

Well-informed quarters in Paris declare that a decision to inaugurate a strict control of German imports and exports by air, was reached at the recent meeting of the Allied Supreme War Council, despite the immense difficulties involved. The step is due to the fact that air traffic between Germany and many neutrals has reached huge figures, largely surpassing pre-war figures. All sorts of goods, including some heavy ones, are being transported.—(Havas).

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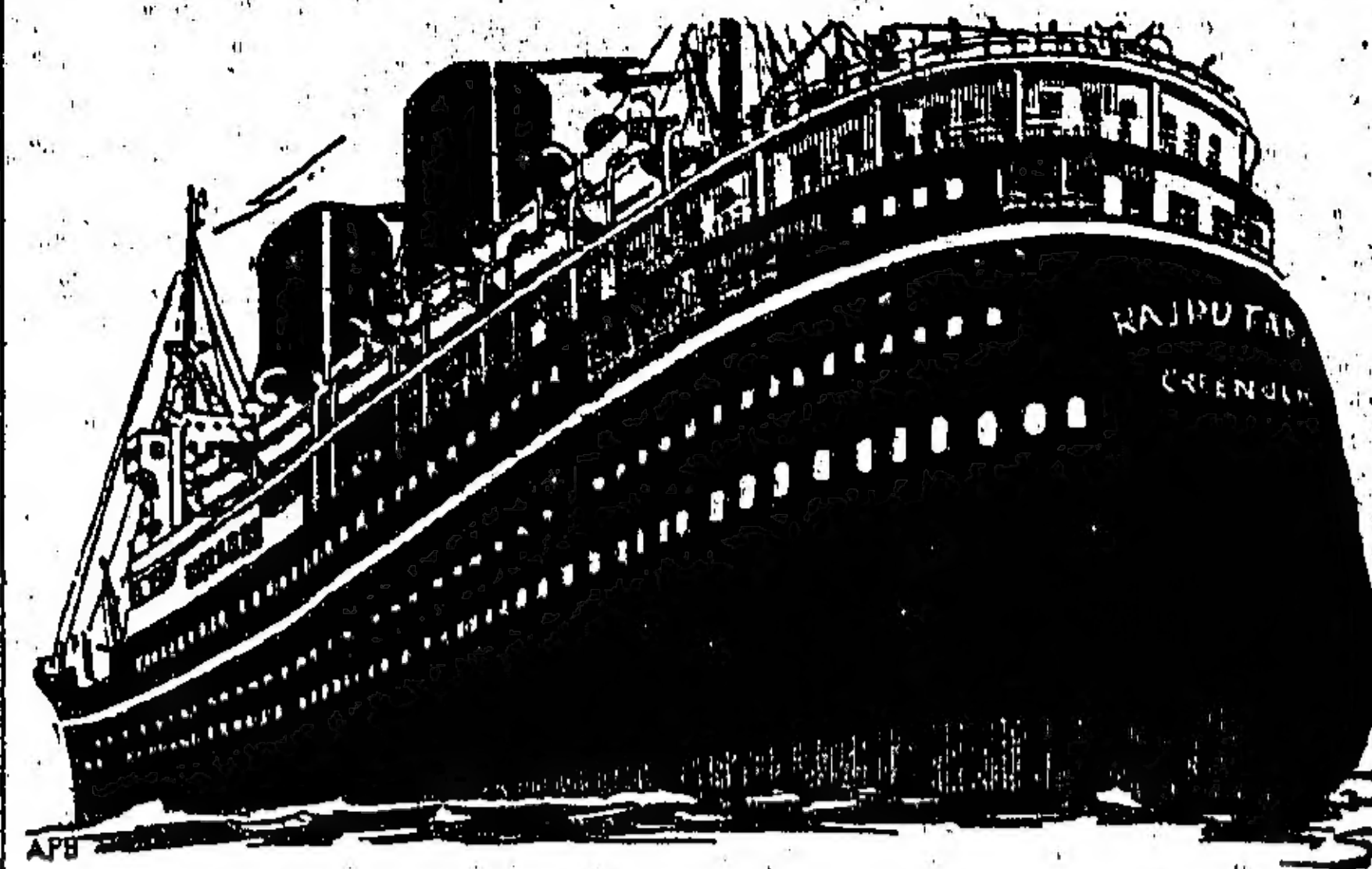
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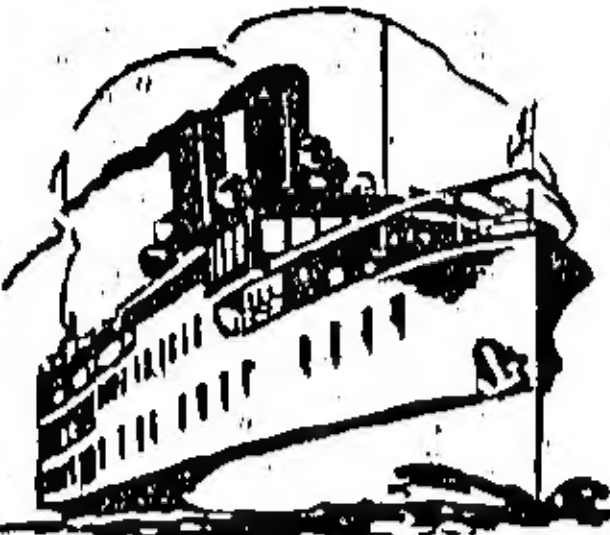
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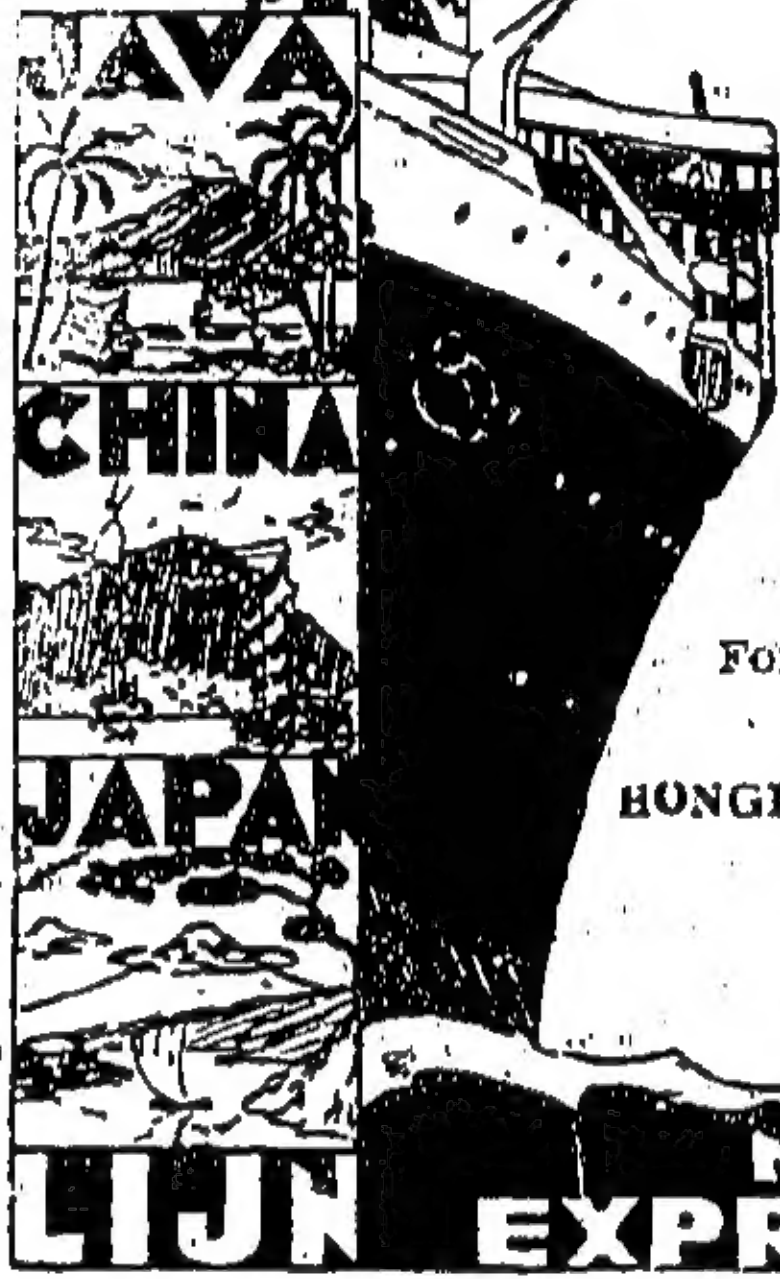
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Brenner Pass Parley Was Greatest Diplomatic Squeeze Play Of War

HIS MAJESTY'S IMPATIENT LOYAL OPPOSITION IN PARLIAMENT RECENTLY DEMANDED ACTION. Eloquent Laborite Herbert S. Morrison wanted "more vigor and liveliness" in war and diplomacy than he felt Prime Minister Neville Chamberlain, who turned 71 recently, has been giving.

Retired Permanent Secretary to the Treasury, Sir Warren Fisher, was blunter. "We are up against the creed of the devil," he said. "Your German is, of all foul and dirty fighters, the foulest and dirtiest. We must give them hell in every sort of way."

As rebellious criticism mounted, political dopesters even mentioned Mr. David Lloyd George, the "Welsh Wizard" who won the last war for Great Britain, as a possible last-ditch Cabinet appointee. And from France came censored dispatches predicting soon the formation of a "sacred union," "Government of all parties."

DEVILISH CUNNING. So far, in Austria, Czechoslovakia, Poland, and now in Finland, Adolf Hitler had managed with devilish cunning to give "his western opponents no place to lay a hand on him. Their chosen strategy for the past six months had perforce been tenacity—hang on, if unable to smoke him out, starve him out."

Had the time now come for audacity? Such was the questioning mood, gloomy yet determined, uneasy though defiant, that was rapidly developing in the Allied countries. And just at that point Adolf Hitler, that gifted diplomatic poker player with a hand full of jokers, raised his opponents' hair by producing another one.

LEARNED INSULT. It all started about the time that the Nazi Foreign Minister, Herr Joachim von Ribbentrop, returned to Germany early last week after an apparently cool reception in Rome. Conclusion was reached that the Axis was bending. Fascist Giovanni Ansaldi even wrote an editorial for Leghorn's *Telegrafo* which contained a studied, learned insult. "To him (Ribbentrop) who, while we write, is mounting the Alps, which close Lamagna above Tiralli, we send our respectful salute," wrote Signor Ansaldi. The quotation is from Dante's *Divine Comedy* and, no educated Italian needs to be told, it is often used to express the Italian command to the Germanic hordes to stay beyond the Alps.

GOOD OFFICES. In the Italian Chamber of Fascists and Corporations announcement was made that a fine new set of forts protected Italy's Alpine border, but scarcely was the Foreign Minister back in Berlin before Nazi officials began to taunt newsmen with hints of impending "big doings."

A Rumanian Army mission mysteriously turned up in Berlin, and reports came out that Adolf Hitler had offered to lend his "good offices" in persuading Russia and Hungary to be nice—not to invade King Carol II's domain. For these good offices, the Fuehrer "hoped" that Rumania would: (1) demobilize half her Army; (2) give the Nazis a monopoly on oil and grain exports; (3) admit a pro-Nazi Iron Guard into the Rumanian Cabinet to "safeguard German interest."

Moreover, before the Rumanian Senate, Youth Leader General Theophilus Sidorovici disclosed that Benito Mussolini would guarantee Rumanian frontiers. That Carol was at any rate listening to Herr Hitler's propositions was evident when President

George Tatarescu's Government released 786 Iron Guard terrorists from jail. **MR. WELLES.** Mr. Sumner Welles, official U.S. roving fact-finder, arrived back in Rome after a trip to Berlin, London. Without delay he saw Foreign Minister Count Galeazzo Ciano for 70 minutes. King Vittorio Emanuele for 45. Il Duce for 75. Mr. Welles held his tongue, but postponed his sailing back to the U.S. for a day.

SQUEEZE PLAY. Intermediary or not, Mr. Welles suddenly found himself a spectator at what could well be the greatest diplomatic squeeze play of the war. From a Rome platform, Il Duce, wearing a dark civilian suit, and carrying a heavy black coat, jumped into a special train and headed north. At about the same time in Berlin, the Fuehrer caught a southbound special express. Nobody but the diplomats involved—and Mr. Welles—had received the slightest notice of the rendezvous.

At 9.30 a.m., Il Duce's trim train pulled in at the little mountain village of Brennero, in the famed Brenner Pass, just over the German border in Italy. Forty minutes later the Fuehrer's forty arrived in a driving snow storm.

PRESERVATION OF PEACE

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of the other countries. Nor did any of them take upon itself the responsibility of offering advice to Finland in regard to the negotiations with Russia. The decision lay entirely with Finland.

NEUTRAL POLICY. It has been natural for Norway to take her stand upon the Hague Convention of 1907, and this is what the Government has done. This applies to the question of the intervention of soldiers from belligerent countries. It also applies to the question of the voluntary participation of individual citizens in war and the export of goods and war materials.

Our own penal law prohibits recruitment for foreign military service and the Hague Convention contains a provision prohibiting the establishment of recruiting offices. The offices opened in this country have undertaken to abstain from offering help and advice except to those who have already made up their minds that they want to go to Finland. The Government has nothing whatever to do with any such activity.

The Government has with a firm and steady hand pursued a policy of neutrality and there was cause for satisfaction in the fact that the three Northern countries collaborated in this matter as well as in regard to other questions arising out of the present situation. The Foreign Minister finally expressed his conviction that the Norwegian people stood firm and united behind the Government, and the policy of neutrality which they pursued.

BOWLING ALLEYS COMPETITION

In the first round of the Singles Handicap Competition, played at the Hongkong Bowling Alleys last evening, J. H. Watts (plus 20) defeated J. H. Potts (plus 50) by 493 pins to 425.

Another match played at the Alleys last evening resulted in U. S. S. Mindanao losing to U. S. S. Barker by 102 pins in a 5-game Ten Pin game.

U. S. S. Mindanao—J. C. Thomas 728, D. M. Kepling 722, S. Golden 666 and E. F. Merrill 653. Total, 2,767.

U. S. S. Barker—P. R. Smith 828, G. Pazik 731, F. F. Bonk 677 and H. G. Havens 633. Total, 2,869.

Kowloon Cricket Club beat the Jewish Recreation Club by seven games to two in an inter-club badminton match played at the K.C.C. last night.

peace, with Italy and the U.S. as guarantors—if anyone could conceive of any terms now mutually acceptable or any that the U.S. people would be willing to underwrite. As Mr. Welles prepared to sail for home, Rome reported that he carried a Hitler eleven-point peace proposal.

The points: (1) general disarmament; (2) formation of a small, independent Poland; (3) Czechs, Slovaks and Hungarians to be allied to the Reich; (4) Austria forever in the Reich; (5) return of German colonies within 25 years; (6) formation of a Danubian Federation headed by Germany and Italy; (7) guarantee of the Balkan status quo; (8) Germany's remaining Jews to migrate; (9) no trade barriers; (10) free passage of the Suez beginning in 1945; (11) Tunisia!

FOREIGN MAILS

HONGKONG, TUESDAY, 30th APRIL, 1940, 9.30 A.M.

Small Packet Post to all countries is suspended.

INWARD MAILS

From	Due
Shanghai	30th Apr.
Shanghai	30th Apr.
Shanghai	30th Apr.
Air Mail by "Pan American Airways Direct Service"—San Francisco date, 23rd April	30th Apr.
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Shanghai	1st May
Canton	1st May
Japan	1st May
Air Mail by "Imperial Airways Direct Service"—London date 24th April	1st May
Air Mail by "Air France Direct Service"—Paris date, 24th April	1st May
Shanghai	1st May
Sandakan	2nd May
U.S.A., Honolulu, Japan and Shanghai (San Francisco date, 11th April)	2nd May
Shanghai	2nd May
Canton	2nd May
Japan	2nd May
Europe via Suez and Straits (London date, 10th March)	2nd May
Shanghai	3rd May
Air Mail by "Imperial Airways Direct Service"—London date, 27th April	4th May
Shanghai	4th May
U. S. A. & Manila (San Francisco date, 13th April)	5th May
Shanghai and Amoy	5th May
Shanghai	5th May
Haiphong	5th May
Haiphong	5th May
Java and Manila	5th May
Straits and Manila	5th May
Japan	5th May
Manila	5th May
Shanghai	5th May
Canada, U.S.A., Japan and Shanghai—(Vancouver B. C. date 20th April)	5th May
Calcutta and Straits	10th May
Japan and Shanghai	11th May
Straits and Europe via Suez—(London date, 5th April)	15th May
Java and Manila	15th May

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For	Date and Time
TUESDAY	Tues. 30th
Shanghai	10.30 AM
Dairen	10.30 AM
Batavia and Sourabaya	10.30 AM
Haiphong	2.00 PM
Straits	2.30 PM
Straits (Parcels only)	5.00 PM
	K.P.O.
Reg.	5.00 PM
Ord.	5.30 PM
	G.P.O.
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	K.P.O.
Reg.	5.00 PM
Ord.	5.30 PM
	G.P.O.
Air Mail for Malaya, Java and Australia by "Imperial Airways Direct Service"—due Sydney 6th May	Reg. 5.00 PM Ord. 7.00 PM
	K.P.O.
Reg.	5.00 PM
Ord.	5.30 PM
	G.P.O.
Air Mail for Manila, Guam, Honolulu and U.S.A. by the "Pan American Airways Direct Service"—due San Francisco, 7th May	Reg. 5.00 PM Ord. 7.00 PM
	K.P.O.
Reg.	5.00 PM
Ord.	5.30 PM
	G.P.O.
Manila, Australia and New Zealand via Thursday Island—due Thursday Island, 13th May	Reg. 5.00 PM Ord. 7.00 PM
Japan	7.00 PM
WEDNESDAY	Wed. May, 1st
Saigon	10.00 AM
Straits, Ceylon, India, Mombasa, Beira, Lourenco Marques, East and South Africa	10.30 AM
Amoy	12.30 PM
Shanghai	12.30 PM
Shanghai	2.30 PM
	K.P.O.
Reg.	5.00 PM
Ord.	5.30 PM
	G.P.O.
Airmail for Indo-China, Iran, and France (Paris and Northern Provinces only) by the "Air France Airways Direct Service"—due Paris 9th May	Reg. 5.00 PM Ord. 7.00 PM
	K.P.O.
Reg.	5.00 PM
Ord.	7.00 PM
THURSDAY	Thu. 2nd
Canton	7.15 AM
Manila	8.30 AM
	G.P.O. & K.P.O.
Par. 1st	5.00 PM
Reg. 2nd	9.45 AM
Ord. 2nd	10.30 AM
Swatow	1.00 PM
Manila, Saigon, Bangkok, Mauritius, Reunion, Madagascar, Lourenco-Marques and South Africa	3.30 PM
Manila	7.00 PM
Amoy	7.00 PM
	K.P.O.
Reg.	5.00 PM
Ord.	5.30 PM
	G.P.O.
Manila, Rabaul, Australia, and New Zealand via Brisbane—due Brisbane, 20th May	Reg. 1.45 PM Ord. 2.30 PM
	K.P.O.
Parcels	3.00 PM
Reg.	5.00 PM
Ord.	5.30 PM
	G.P.O.
Straits, Ceylon, India, East and South Africa, Egypt and Europe via Suez and London Parcels—due London, 14th June	Parcels 3.00 PM Reg. 5.00 PM Ord. 7.00 PM

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